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40,000 protest in Red Square

Gorbachov is jeered at May Day parade

From Mary Dejevsky, Moscow

AN ATTEMPT by the new Moscow City Council to bring controlled democracy to the city's May Day parade backfired badly yesterday when President Gorbachov led the official party from the Lenin mausoleum amid derisive whistles and shouts of "shame".

Some 40,000 demonstrators waved banners and placards condemning the Communist leadership and Mr Gorbachov personally, calling for an end to the economic blockade on Lithuania and supporting the radical Mr Boris Yeltsin for president. There were chants of support for the new Mayor of Moscow, the radical economist Mr Gavriil Popov, who was with the presidential party, and calls for the Politburo to resign en bloc.

The demonstrators, augmented by several thousand police, KGB and plain-clothes militia, had paraded into Red Square for the second part of what was planned as a double May Day parade. The first part, organized by the official trade unions, passed off quietly and after it finished the official party remained on top of the Lenin mausoleum for the second — organized by Moscow's public bodies and informal political groups.

The double parade had been recommended by the city council and sanctioned — as is now obligatory for demonstrations in central Moscow — by the Council of Ministers, apparently to pre-empt a bigger, unofficial demonstration that might overwhelm the main event in Red Square.

Initially it seemed that the police did not intend to let the second parade to stop in the square. But the demonstrators stood their ground and turned — as had the trade union demonstrators at the first parade — to face the mausoleum, expecting speeches. After 10 minutes of continuous barracking, the official party left. Soviet television, which had broadcast the demonstration live, stopped its coverage just before the Politburo marched off.

The first demonstration, organized by the official trade unions, had been unusually low-key. Marchers were organized for the first time according to profession and not formally introduced on entering the square, as in previous years. There was little of the usual cheering.

Short speeches from local and national trade union leaders referred to the country's economic crisis and expressed trepidation about the effect on workers' living standards of the reform programme. Banners, clearly ordered and distributed by the trade unions, urged price controls, no unemployment and called for an end to economic "experiments".

Security was strict all day, with thousands of extra police and soldiers drafted into the city. Checks began at the outermost ring road and ended with no fewer than five checks on identity papers and invitation cards for those approaching Red Square.

Interior Ministry troops and regular soldiers were much in evidence, and all possible entrances to the square were barricaded with lorries and buses immediately after each group of demonstrators had been allowed through.

Witnesses disagreed about whether President Gorbachov's exit had been planned to coincide with the end of television coverage or came in response to the barracking and hostile banners. The demonstrators interpreted the leaders' departure as a humiliation, and that version rapidly gained currency.

Later, at another unofficial demonstration, one of Moscow's anti- establishment folk heroes, Mr Telman Gdlyan, warned a crowd of several thousand people that the "humiliation" of the leadership might rebound. "You have not won," he said. "You have lost. Today we realized who we are up against — weak, cowardly politicians who turned their backs on the people. But they won't forgive us and will take their revenge."

One possible form of "revenge" might be the removal of the Moscow party leaders and further restrictions on the city council's authority.

Elsewhere in the Soviet Union, May Day parades were either abandoned or turned into local rallies for different political groupings. Interfax, the semi-official agency reported that official parades were dropped in Leningrad, the Baltic republics and the Transcaucasus, although unofficial processions and rallies passed off peacefully. In Latvia, which is expected to declare its independence after a Supreme Soviet meeting tomorrow, pro-Soviet demonstrators marched through Riga carrying placards reading "No to the Lithuanian variant".

Throughout Eastern Europe, the first May Day since last year's sweeping changes were marked by solidarity with democracy, taunts against old communist-worker alliances and jockeying for support in coming elections. About 50,000 people crossed from East to West Berlin to rally outside the Reichstag, while in Poland rival political groups held their own celebrations to mark the workers' holiday, there being no official parades.

But in Cuba, the spectacular demonstration went ahead as usual with President Castro, wearing his familiar olive-green uniform and cap, watching through binoculars from a reviewing stand as more than half a million workers, soldiers and young people carrying flags and banners marched through Havana's Revolution Square to the sound of revolutionary songs blaring out from dozens of loudspeakers. Cuban workers' leaders said about three million people were involved in similar parades across the island.

In Istanbul, where the Turkish Government had banned May Day marches, two people were shot and wounded and 600 were arrested in clashes between demonstrators and police.

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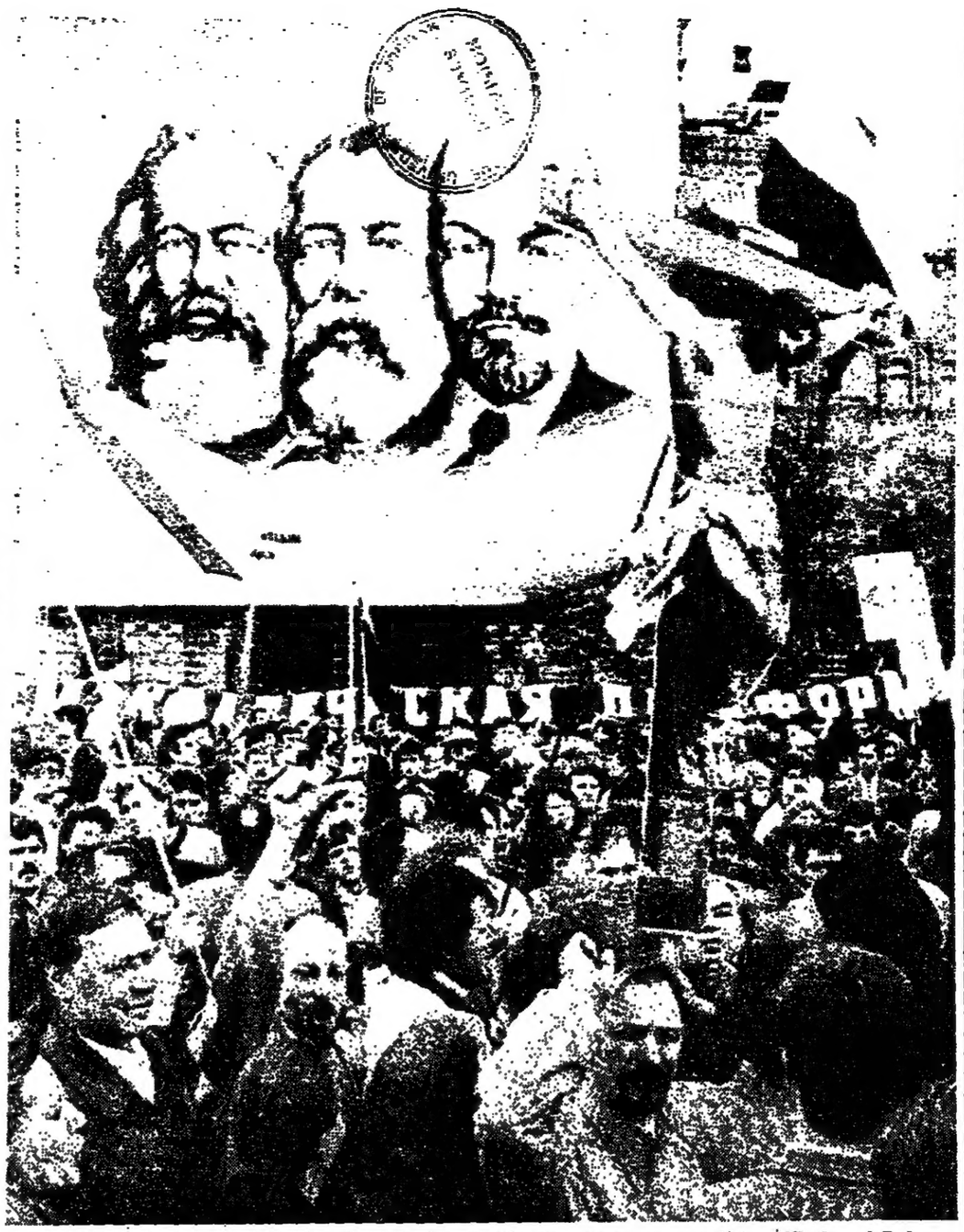

Defiant in the shadow of Marx, Engels and Lenin, opposition demonstrators carry a giant crucifix through Red Square for a May Day parade that ended with President Gorbachov being jeered from the Lenin mausoleum

Rail union leaders accept 9.3%

By Tim Jones
Employment Affairs Correspondent

THE threat of another summer of rail strikes effectively vanished yesterday when leaders of the two main rail unions, representing more than 100,000 workers, accepted British Rail's offer of a 9.3 per cent rise over 11 months.

In reaching the settlement, which will add £140 million to British Rail's wages bill, the unions effectively allowed the 8.8 per cent settlement, achieved last year after a series of disruptive strikes, to be stretched into a 13th month, and British Rail will be able to present it as adding only 8.6 per cent to its wages bill.

Although union leaders had aimed for the 10.2 per cent benchmark achieved by Ford workers, grassroots soundings indicated that members were in no mood for another fight if a deal above the rate of inflation could be achieved.

The settlement, which has to be accepted by the members, is welcome news for the Government although ministers are concerned at the 11 per cent figure achieved by British Steel workers and fear that more than 600,000 town hall staff are ready for a fight over a 15 per cent demand.

Mr Jimmy Knapp, the general secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen said: "I believe we have reached a settlement which NUR members will recognize as reasonable". However, members of the second biggest rail union, the TSSA, which represents administrative grades, were still discussing last night whether to accept the offer. Their members already work a 37-hour week and are pressing for more money if the other unions, currently on 39 hours, achieve that target.

Mr Derrick Fullick, general secretary of Aslef, the drivers' union, said: "The executives of both unions recognized that we have reached the end of the road over pay."

The NUR and Aslef rejected the board's offer of a "route forward" towards a reduction in the basic working week and decided instead to press for more negotiation for a 35-hour week.

Under the new deal, a railman's weekly pay rises £9.80 to £115.10 (made up to £127.75 by payment of a supplement), a conductor's (guard) £12.10 to £142.20, a top-rated signalman's £16.80 to £197.45 and a train driver's £15.70 to £184.30.

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Lou Macari in tax probe

Mr Lou Macari, the former manager of Swindon Town, and three other men connected with the Second Division club were last night being interviewed in connection with suspected Income Tax offences.

Mr Macari, Mr Brian Hillier, the former chairman, Mr Colin Calderwood, the club captain, and Mr Vincent Farrer, the club's former accountant, were all arrested yesterday after prolonged tax investigations..... Page 48

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A man accused of killing one man and injuring 17 people in a rampage with a shotgun at Monkseaton, Tyne and Wear, is unfit to stand trial, a jury at Newcastle Crown Court decided yesterday. Robert Sartin, aged 23, was remanded to a special hospital..... Page 3

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Pope to beatify 'example for youth'

From Richard Bassett
Rome

THE Vatican will depart from the traditional view that saints should be serious, strait-laced individuals, without a sense of humour, when the Pope beatifies Pier Giorgio Frassati later this month.

Pier Giorgio was a far cry from the ecclesiastical stiffness and melancholy philosophies usually associated with candidates for beatification, the first step before canonization and sainthood.

He died in Turin in 1925, aged 24, not before, however, *The Times* in a dispatch from its Milan correspondent in the early 1920s had praised "Signor Pier Giorgio Frassati" for defending his father from an attack by Italian fascists. "The mob was seen off by this energetic young man's timely intervention," *The Times* wrote.

This was not Frassati's only connection with the press. His father was the founder and owner of *La Stampa*, the Italian daily. Deeply opposed to Mussolini's blackshirts, his house was often the target of demonstrators.

Born into a privileged and wealthy family, Frassati lived his life to the fullest, his good looks attracting countless female admirers. Happiest scaling a mountain or organizing a party — one picture has him clutching a whisky bottle and wearing a paper hat — he was at first glance the archetypal young blade of the 1920s.

"He was the quintessential

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Thatcher silent on poll tax changes

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

MRS Margaret Thatcher refused to indicate in the Commons yesterday whether there would be legislation in the present session of Parliament to amend the poll tax.

Challenged by Mr Neil Kinnock to do so, she would say only that the Government would make an announcement when it was ready. Government sources said later that the question of whether or not legislation would be brought forward had to await the outcome of the review of the community charge.

Mrs Thatcher made it plain that the basic principle of the tax was not being reviewed. Ministers, she said, were looking to see if any "adjustments" were needed. That had been signalled before, not least in last Wednesday's debate, and there was no surprise. Any confusion, she argued, existed only in the minds of high-spending Labour councils.

Ministers were working yesterday to lower expectations of big changes. Mr Kenneth Baker, the Conservative Party chairman, said in Bradford: "The review is nothing new. We have all talked about it ... and it is to be expected with such a wide-ranging reform of local government finance.

"We now know that seven out of 10 people in the country believe that everybody should pay towards the cost of local services. And that 50 per cent of people think local authorities should be responsible for the community charge."

In the Commons yesterday Mrs Thatcher was asked by Dr David Owen, the leader of the SDP, if the review options included the introduction of banding according to income. In reply Mrs Thatcher said only that there were generous rebates for those who could not afford to pay and that transitional relief was available for those faced with sharp increases in charges.

Prime Minister's Question Time was exclusively devoted to the subject of the poll tax, and it was reduced to a ritualized farce when a combative Mrs Thatcher led a chorus of Tory backbenchers in shouted denunciation of Labour local authorities in answer to a clearly prearranged request to name the five local authorities with the worst record on education, the highest number of empty council houses and the highest level of rent arrears.

As the Prime Minister, clearly primed in advance with her detailed reply, went through the lists of councils concerned, Tory backbenchers shouted "Labour" after each one named.

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Atlantic's liabilities

By Angela Mackay

ATLANTIC Computers, put into effective receivership two weeks ago by its parent, British and Commonwealth, has liabilities of between £500 million and £1,000 million. Price Waterhouse, the administrators appointed to Atlantic, said yesterday that unsecured creditors' chances of receiving a payout were grim. They spoke of "inevitable liquidation".

Ferranti International, an apparent victim of corporate fraud, said it expected to write off about £200 million.

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War crimes law setback

THE House of Lords yesterday overwhelmingly rejected a government proposal to change Scottish law to hasten the trial of suspected Nazi war criminals in Scotland (Sheila Gunn writes).

The peers, who oppose the attempt to hold war crimes trials in Britain, voted by 137 to 62 for an amendment to remove from the Scottish law reform Bill a provision to take evidence in war crime trials via a television link.

Temperatures set a record for May Day

By David Young

BRITAIN yesterday had its hottest May Day since records began in 1875. Kinloss, near Inverness, reached 27C (81F), beating the previous best of 26.7C, recorded at St James's Park, London, in 1966.

The forecast is that the weather will continue dry and warm for the rest of the week, with temperatures in the South-east again rising to around 24C (75F). Fears of an early start to summer smog in London receded yesterday, according to the Department of the Environment's monitoring service, but city air pollution is being exported to rural areas of the South-east, according to regional stations.

The independent London Scientific Service said pollutants that accumulated on Sunday and Monday above safety limits recommended by the World Health Organization were being dispersed with a strengthening of winds.

A two-year-old girl drowned in a pool at her home in Hampshire yesterday, and in Sussex a youth aged 19 drowned in a reservoir. In Essex a man is feared to have drowned while swimming.

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Gummer goes tooth and claw for vegetarians

By Michael Hornsby
Agriculture Correspondent

Mr Gummer: "We are masters of the fowls"

VEGETARIANISM is a "wholly unnatural" practice without support in biblical teaching, according to Mr John Gummer, the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. Addressing an audience at Butchers' Hall in the City yesterday Mr Gummer, who is a member of the General Synod of the Church of England, said: "I consider meat to be an essential part of the diet. The Bible tells us that we are masters of the fowls of the air and the beasts of the field, and we very properly eat them.

"If the Almighty had wanted us to have three stomachs (like grass-eating cattle), I am sure he could have arranged it, but he chose to make us omnivores instead." Mr Gummer, speaking at the biennial luncheon of the International Meat Trade Association, drew enthusiastic applause from an audience mainly of butchers and meat merchants. He said he was tired of reading in the press about the 10 per cent of the population who had turned vegetarian or reduced their meat intake. "I want to see more articles about the sensible 90 per cent who are still eating meat."

Warming to his theme, he said it was time to go on the offensive against "deeply undemocratic food faddists who want to impose on the rest of us views which come from their own inner psyches". Food was becoming a "religion substitute" which enabled people "to make themselves feel more moral by the diet they choose".

He said he particularly resented "those who encourage children to become vegetarian on grounds which have nothing to do with truth and everything to do with prejudice" — a reference to a video which the Vegetarian Society has been showing in secondary schools since last December.

Miss Juliet Gellatley, the society's head of youth education, immediately retorted: "It is a totally factual video, and much of the information in it comes from Mr Gummer's own ministry. It looks at the way animals are kept and slaughtered, health and nutrition aspects, and the effect of meat-eating in affluent countries on the developing world, which is forced to grow grain to feed Western animals."

The British Chicken Information Service, meanwhile, reported yesterday that chicken in 1989 was Britain's most popular meat for the second consecutive year, pushing red meat into second place. It said chicken now had 31 per cent of the meat market in volume terms, compared with 29 per cent for beef, 17 for lamb, 16 for pork and 7 per cent for other types of poultry.

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RAF denies that missile hit doomed Shackleton

By Kerry Gill

THE Royal Air Force denied yesterday that its Shackleton air defence aircraft, which crashed into a Hebridean hillside killing all 10 crew members, was hit by a missile used in an exercise over the Atlantic.

The last missile used during Exercise Brushfire, in which the Shackleton had taken part, was fired 90 minutes before the aircraft hit the Maodal peak in south-west Harris, the RAF said. "The Shackleton had done its part in the exercise and was doing flight training before returning to base. The exercise had nothing to do with the cause of the tragedy. It is very easy to speculate on the cause of an accident like this. It is equally totally irresponsible to do so."

The Shackleton was returning to its base at RAF Lossiemouth in north-east Scotland when it crashed into the 850 ft hill about a mile from the village of Northton. The 10 bodies were taken to Stornoway, Lewis, for post mortem examination.

Anglo-French "Martel" missiles, designed to simulate Cruise missiles, were fired by Buccaneer long-range strike/attack aircraft during the exercise. The missiles were supposed to be detected by the Shackleton, Nimrods and Nato E3A airborne early warning aircraft, updated versions of which are to replace six Shackletons still in operation.

Mr Tom King, the Secretary of State for Defence, told the Commons defence select committee yesterday that the Shackletons, whose American replacements were scheduled to arrive next year, were extremely valuable. He was speaking in response to a question by Mr Bruce George, Labour MP for Walsall South, who said: "I understand that one of the Shackletons in Manchester space museum was withdrawn from that museum and brought back to service. I understand that age was not a factor in the accident yesterday, but can you give us some assurance that elderly aircraft are likely to be consigned to museums?"

Mr King replied: "There is no question for a moment that the RAF would consider flying a plane unless it was able to fly. The Shackletons have proved that they are extremely valuable." He denied that they were grounded yesterday. The RAF confirmed they had all been checked and cleared.

No mayday message was received from the stricken plane, which because of its age could not take a black box flight recorder. Half-eaten sandwiches, strewn about wreckage, suggested the accident came as a total surprise to the crew.

Last night, it emerged that the victims included the commanding officer of No 8 Squadron and a young flight lieutenant who was scheduled to be married next month. Wing Commander Steve Roncoroni lived with his wife, Janey, at Miltonduff, near Elgin, just a few miles from the base. They have two daughters at school. Mrs Roncoroni is the sister of Mr David Sole, captain of the Scotland rugby team.

The other crew member named was Flight Lieutenant Keith Forbes, aged 26, of Aberdeen.

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MPs call for vetting of guards

By Sheila Gunn
Political Reporter

STRICTER vetting of contract security guards patrolling British military bases is to be demanded by the Commons defence committee in the wake of last year's bomb attack on the Royal Marines school in Deal, Kent.

The committee will argue that, if the Ministry of Defence wants to continue to use commercial firms to guard 56 sites, a more comprehensive system of screening checks must be run on the past employment record and personal history of their guards.

The committee's report, which has been approved by its members and will be published later this session, also calls for the ministry to replace commercial firms that fail to meet the conditions of their contracts.

MPs were alarmed to find that ministry officials could not guarantee that commercial firms always maintained the same security standards expected of the minsitry's own guards. Some firms that failed to comply with their contract conditions had been allowed to carry on even after being givn several official warnings.

The cross-party investigation was launched after criticism of the use of a private firm to patrol the Royal Marines school where a terrorist bomb killed 11 men last year. The Ministry of Defence is hoping to reduce its dependence of private firms and instead build up a bigger civilian guard force for use on low security risk sites.

In the defence estimates, the Government is committed to spending an additional £126 million on improving security against terrorist attacks at defence bases.

Protesters seize photo opportunity

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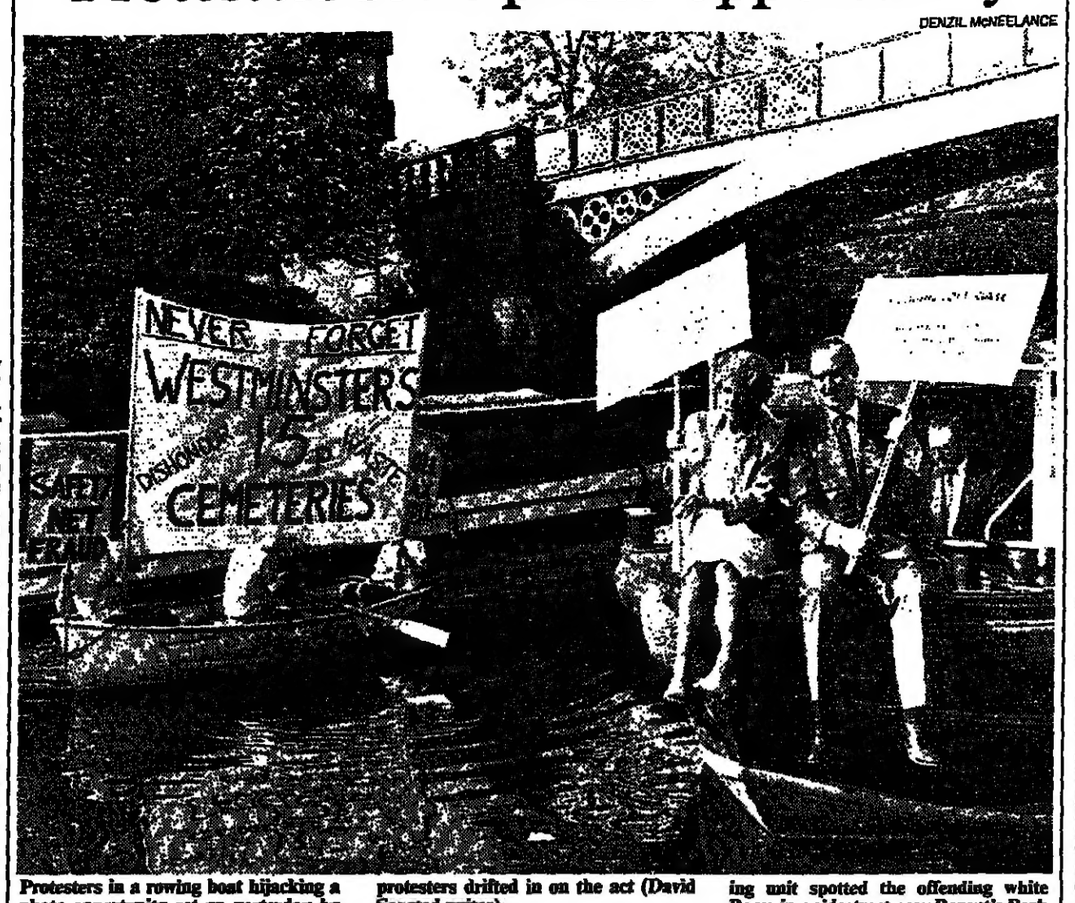

Protesters in a rowing boat hijacking a photo opportunity set up yesterday by Mr David Hunt, Minister for Local Government and Inner Cities, and Lady Porter, the leader of Westminster council.

The Tory campaigners held aloft posters comparing the poll tax in Conservative-controlled Westminster with it neighbour, Labour-controlled Camden, when the group of waterborne protesters drifted in on the act (David Sapsted writes).

Even as Mr Hunt posed for photographs on a barge on Regent's Canal, which runs through the two constituencies, he was unaware that close by his drive towards tomorrow's local elections was coming to a complete halt – he suffered the indignity of having his car clamped.

A Metropolitan Police wheel-clamping unit spotted the offending white Rover in a sidestreet near Regent's Park and, ignoring the protests of the minister's driver, went into action.

Oblivious to the drama that was adding a £30 unclamping fee and a £16 parking ticket to Conservative Central Office's campaign costs, Mr Hunt headed downstream by boat, where he was picked up by a hurriedly arranged mini-bus.

College sponsor denies 'secret charge on deal'

By Douglas Broom, Education Reporter

THE principal sponsor of Britain's first "green" City Technology College was accused yesterday of "making a secret commission" of £200,000 from public funds on the purchase of the college's site.

Mr Ivor Revere, a director of Greenleaf Planters, a mail-order plant company, was named in a Commons early day motion tabled yesterday by Mr Jack Straw, Labour's education spokesman.

The motion, which called for an independent andit of the financial affairs of the government-backed CTC Trust, said that the alleged commission was "hidden" from officials for three months before being repaid.

The scheme to create an environmental CTC at Brighton collapsed last Thursday when the Government withdrew an offer of £7.2 million in funding for it.

The Commons motion said that Mr Revere had purchased the former Fitzherbert Roman Catholic School, at Woodingdean, Brighton, in September last year for £2.3 million as a site for the new college.

However, Mr Revere is said to have sold it to the CTC Trust for £2.5 million. The Commons motion refers to this as "a secret commission for himself from public funds of £200,000 which was hidden from the CTC Trust until December 1989".

The motion expresses "deep concern" about financial controls at the CTC Trust and the Department of Education and Science and criticizes Mr John MacGregor, Secretary of State for Education, for failing to disclose what was going on.

Mr Straw said yesterday that although he had used the early day motion procedure to gain the protection of parliamentary privilege, his allegations were based on ministers' written Commons answers.

On Monday night, Mr MacGregor, in a written reply to a question by Mr Straw, disclosed that Mr Revere had been the initial purchaser of the Brighton site from the local Catholic diocese. He said: "In December 1989, the CTC Trust discovered that the purchase price of £2.5 million included a commission of £200,000 charged by Mr Revere. This was immediately recovered and returned to public funds."

Mr Revere, speaking from his home in East Sussex, said he was not aware of any police investigation of the purchase. "I feel very aggrieved at this," he said. "I gather Mr Straw is saying that there has been a police investigation. That is news to me."

Of Mr Straw's allegation, he said: "There is a mixture of truth and fiction in it. The site was purchased in September. There was certainly no commission. It was a complex transaction. The CTC Trust and the CTC Trust's solicitors were aware of the dimensions and the complexities of the transaction."

Asked if he had any intention of keeping £200,000 from the deal for himself, Mr Revere said: "Absolutely not. I can assure you that the transaction was perfectly open and above board and that the CTC Trust and its solicitors knew everything that was going on at all stages."

There had been "bills that needed to be paid" and there had been some dispute about who should meet legal costs.

Asked whether the £200,000 had been held back to meet these bills, he said: "That is basically it."

Mr MacGregor said in a statement last night that the CTC programme was "proceeding perfectly well".

Postal rates likely to rise by end of year

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

POSTAL charges are likely to rise before the end of the year as the Royal Mail faces increased labour costs and shoulders the effects of inflation, which is now running at 8 per cent.

Charges for letters last went up in October last year, with a first class stamp now costing 20p and a second class stamp 15p. In the past charges have gone up over a period from a year to 18 months, but the increased rate of inflation alone is expected to force the Post Office to act this time within a 12-month period.

In addition, a third of the workforce of 50,000 in the Royal Mail have received pay supplements of between £10 and £20 in a drive to retain staff. This has occurred mainly in London and the South-east, with the bill in excess of £50 million.

Trigger points in this deal are where unemployment is running at 5 per cent or less and where staff turnover is above the 15 per cent level. Inflation alone would not quite justify a 2p increase for a first class letter but other cost escalations might push the increase that far.

The Post Office could also argue that over the past five years the cost of a stamp is 11 per cent cheaper in real terms, taking inflation into account. Sir Bryan Nicholson, the Post Office chairman, said yesterday that there were no plans at present for increasing charges. He would not be drawn on whether there might be increases by the year end.

He did however unveil the biggest annual improvement by the Royal Mail in service reliability. Independent investigation has shown that in spite of the fast-rising mail volumes and last summer's train strikes, the Royal Mail has improved its delivery service for first class mail by 3 per cent in 12 months. Previously annual improvements have been measured at best by a single percentage point.

Sir Bryan said: "This is a tremendous achievement. A year ago we agreed with our independent watchdog body, the Post Office Users' National Council, a demanding 3 per cent improvement target. We have met the target, with the biggest improvement in a single year."

There was still room for improvement and £1.2 billion would be invested over the next five years aimed at achieving that, he said.

Tories rally to Thatcher over Dublin stand on EC union

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

TORY MPs yesterday backed the Prime Minister's cautious approach on early moves towards European political union, at the Dublin summit last weekend, as Mr Edward Heath, the former Prime Minister, launched another strong attack on her stance.

Mrs Thatcher received support in the Commons from the left and the right of the party for her warnings against reducing the powers of national parliaments and for achieving a proper definition of what the European Community regards as political union.

In one of her best-received performances in the Commons for some time, Mrs Thatcher spoke against increasing the powers of the European Commission and parliament. She confirmed, however, that the Government would be putting forward proposals for increasing the powers of the European Court of Auditors to improve the financial accountability of the commission. Failure to put a limitation on political union was alarming because it could mean gradually "relinquishing those things which are vital to our parliamentary tradition".

Mr Neil Kinnock described Mrs Thatcher as "a mere spectator, the lame duck of the Community", and in a speech at the London School of Economics last night Mr Heath derided her expressed fears about the future of the monarchy. It was commendable, he said, to be concerned about the future of the Royal family. There was no justification, however, to use them as an excuse to prevent progress towards a united Europe. He said it was "foolish to keep harking on that political union needs to be defined". The Government should play a full and constructive part in negotiations to accelerate closer economic and political union.

Mr Heath's criticisms were not echoed from the Conservative benches in the Commons. From the right there was the customary enthusiastic backing for her defence of sovereignty. But the pro-European wing also welcomed her readiness to play a constructively critical role while agreeing to be a part of the process.

Typical of the Conservative reaction was that of Mr David Howell, chairman of the all-party foreign affairs committee, who said she had been "absolutely right" to seek a clearer definition of what was meant by political union.

Mrs Thatcher said "any more centralization should be stopped", and that the future of the EC involved implementing things through national parliaments. She accepted that a treaty-revising conference was likely to be set up, but made clear that Britain would be tabling its own proposals on improving the operation of Community institutions.

Mr Kinnock said that Mrs Thatcher was being left out of initiatives taken by other European leaders because she had "put our country on the sidelines and left others to determine the course and the nature of the new Europe".

Jail action threat over relocation

By Quentin Cowdry
Home Affairs Correspondent

JAILS yesterday were facing a renewed threat of industrial action after the prison officers' union abruptly walked out of talks with the Home Office and declared itself to be in formal dispute.

The walkout, just minutes after the meeting began, came when the department refused to negotiate with the union over the relocation of prisoners from the riot-affected Strangeways jail in Manchester.

Mr John Bartell, the union's chairman, accused the Home Office of breaching alleged promises that important operational issues arising from the riot would be settled jointly by the union and management.

"Agreements have been dishonoured," Mr Bartell said. "Troublesome prisoners are being dispersed with no account of problems they cause."

The union's national executive is to meet tomorrow to discuss the dispute, including possible industrial action.

Last night the Home Office claimed it had never promised to negotiate with the union over the issues, only to consult it.

● Prisoners complaining about conditions at Crumlin Road jail in Belfast and campaigning for the segregation of republicans from "loyalists" should raise the issue with Lord Justice Woolf's inquiry, Mr Peter Brooke, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, said yesterday.

Mr Brooke made the comment as the Royal Ulster Constabulary investigated several attacks, apparently linked, which it believes are the start of a "loyalist" intimidation campaign against prison officers to support inmates' demands.

Rules body sought for social work

A NEW regulatory body should be set up to safeguard standards and restore public confidence in social workers after a series of tragedies involving children, a report published yesterday said (Jill Sherman writes).

A General Social Services Council would register and, if necessary, discipline or deregister social workers, and draw up national standards and a code of ethics, says the report, *Safeguarding Standards*, commissioned by the National Institute for Social Work and the Rowntree Trust.

Community care reforms are increasing social workers' responsibilities, it says.

Poll tax double

Owners of 103 holiday chalets at Elmrise Park Holiday Village, Llangain, Dyfed, have decided to sell their second homes because they cannot afford the £378 poll tax set by Carmarthen district council, in adddition to the charge they pay at their main residences.

Savings lost

A woman aged 70 lost savings and jewellery worth £7,500 when her handbag was stolen from a café run by the Methodist Church, in Liverpool city centre. The woman was taking £5,000 in cash to her building society to pay off her mortgage when she stopped for a cup of tea.

Metro launch

Rover today launches its most important new model, the new-look Metro. With competition in the British market at its fiercest for years, the revamped Metro is bigger than its predecessor, which accounted for a third of the company's UK sales, and it gets more powerful engines.

Bank shoot-out

Police shot and seriously wounded a man and arrested six others in a gun battle outside a bank in Co Wexford yesterday. The shoot-out happened as a gang tried to escape after holding up the Allied Irish Bank branch in Enniscorthy. Witnesses said at least 15 shots were fired.

£575,000 award

Islington Health Authority agreed to pay Robert Oliver, a quadriplegic boy aged six, £575,000 damages in the High Court yesterday but denied liability for his birth defects at Whittington Hospital, where it is alleged he was left 11 hours too long in the womb as he was believed to be dead.

Body returns

The body of Charles Wilson, the Great Train robber who was killed by a gunman in Spain last week, was brought back to Britain yesterday on an Iberia Airlines flight to Heathrow Airport. Wilson's widow, Patricia, aged 53, and his cousin, Mr Norman Radford, were on the aircraft.

Disaster libel

Undisclosed libel damages paid yesterday by *The Sun* newspaper to Miss Susan Davies, the fire control operator who took the police call for assistance at the Hillsborough disaster, were "considerably more" than the compensation offered to the families of many of the victims, her lawyer said.

Dog attacks girl as MPs vote

By Craig Seton

A GIRL aged four needed 200 stitches in her face after an attack by an Alsatian and a Rottweiler. Plastic surgeons carried out a five-hour operation on Caroline Williams early yesterday as MPs in the Commons voted to reject a compulsory dog registration scheme.

The girl was mauled by the two dogs when they dragged her out of the arms of a neighbour who had picked her up to try to protect her as she played with other children in a field behind her home at Dudley, West Midlands.

The attack happened late on Monday as MPs debated a proposal for a registration scheme. The motion was defeated by 12 votes after the Government pledged further controls on dogs, in spite of a rebellion by 50 Conservative MPs in favour of the measure.

Caroline, of Ivanhoe Road, Dudley, was operated on in the early hours at the Wordsley Hospital, Kingswinford, where she had been transferred because of the seriousness of the wounds to the left side of her face. A hospital spokeswoman said she was comfortable after the operation.

The Rottweiler and the Alsatian, owned by Mr Aston Markland, a self-employed welder, are believed to have escaped from a fenced garden before running into the field, 500 yards from Caroline's home.

Their whereabouts were not known yesterday. Police said a court order would be needed to have them destroyed if the owner did not agree to have them put down. Mr Markland was not available for comment yesterday.

Chief Inspector David Smith, of Dudley police, said yesterday: "It is absolutely horrific. This little girl has had five hours on an operating table and in excess of 200 stitches inserted. Ironically, it happened while MPs were debating the subject."

Mr David Bevan, Conservative MP for Birmingham, Yardley, who supports dog registration, said the attack gave a frightening urgency to the need for registration.

"This is the most terrible thing and it brings into sharp relief the urgent need for registration. People must not be allowed to have dogs that they cannot control," he said.

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90-second cases of home repossessions

By Ruth Gledhill

FAMILIES who fall behind with mortgage payments are losing their homes in court hearings that last an average of 90 seconds, legal campaigners were told yesterday.

Lady Wilcox, chairman of the National Consumer Council, said that courts frequently deprived families of their homes without real evidence of their financial circumstances and whether they could afford to pay off arrears.

Lady Wilcox: Hearts and minds reform needed

She called for a "hearts and minds" reform of county court procedure.

She was speaking at the annual meeting of the North Western Legal Services Committee, a group of legal practitioners which campaigns for improvements in the legal system. She said the NCC looked forward to the Government's consultative paper on reform of the court system for housing cases and called on the Lord Chancellor to implement the recommendations of the Civil Justice Review, published in 1988, in particular with regard to small claims, debt and housing cases.

Building societies said last night that taking defaulters to court was always a last resort. The Halifax said it would look at every avenue before that to try to help people through the problem, and Nationwide Anglia said defaulters were urged to go to their branches, which were most likely to help. Abbey National said its mortgage counsellors were also trained in debt counselling.

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Whitehall faces a blow-out in cycling dispute

By Tim Jones
Employment Affairs Correspondent

MEMBERS of the biggest Whitehall union are threatening to stage an all-out official strike unless their bicycle allowance is increased by an inflation-breaking 110 per cent.

At present, civil servants receive a pedal cycle allowance of 4.7 pence per mile. In sombre session, the allowance is determined in top-level talks between high-ranking Treasury officials and leaders of the Council of Civil Service Unions, representing 500,000 civil servants.

Tyre wear, frame strain, brake deterioration and the cost of maintaining front and rear lights are all taken into account as the Whitehall experts assess what the allowance should be. Last year, members of the 150,000-strong Civil and Public Services Association, the largest and most militant of the Whitehall unions, censured their national executive committee for achieving only a 0.1 per cent increase.

Now, furious London-based cyclists are threatening to stage a "walk-in" unless the allowance is increased to 10p a mile. If the walk-in, which will delay the arrival to work of scores of civil servants, fails to twist the arm of the Treasury, the union's leadership will be asked to sanction all-out strike action.

A motion from the union's British Library branch, to be debated at the forthcoming conference, says: "We believe that an increase in the pedal cycle allowance in line with the retail price index would be inadequate given the deteriorating state of the roads and would compare unfavourably with what is offered by some other organizations".

The union said: "We only narrowly averted a strike over this issue last year and since then the members have become increasingly angry. Scores of them who do not use cars are eligible for the bike allowance and are angry their mileage allowance is falling far behind inflation.

"For them it is no laughing matter as most of them are low paid and cannot afford a car. Their bicycle is their main means of transport and it is important they are given enough money to maintain them properly. Unless we get this rise, our message to our members is 'get off your bike'."

The threatened strike comes as Raleigh is preparing to announce it has negotiated contracts to supply bicycles to two environmentally concerned pressure groups. The company believes that pedal power could solve commuting problems in cities where cars move more slowly than a horse and cart. Unless the Treasury and the Whitehall union can move in tandem, however, it might require more than the skills of a Sir Humphrey Appleby to avert a new crisis.

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Mentally ill man unfit for shooting frenzy trial

By Peter Davenport

A SCHIZOPHRENIC accused of a series of unprovoked shootings that left one man dead and 17 other people injured was yesterday found to be unfit to stand trial.

The Newcastle Crown Court jury found by a 10-2 majority that Robert Sartin, a civil servant accused of murder and attempted murder, was not fit to plead because of his mental condition. Mr Justice Waite, made an order under the Criminal Procedures Insanity Act, 1964, remanding him to Ashworth North special hospital near Liverpool until a suitable long-stay hospital was found.

The jury had been told that Mr Sartin, aged 23, was suffering from acute schizophrenia — which he may have developed at the age of 13 or 14 — when he took his father's shotgun on April 30 last year and, dressed all in black, wandered through the streets of Monkseaton, Tyne and Wear, firing as he went. After 20 minutes, Mr Kenneth Macintosh lay dead and 17 other people had been wounded.

The court had been told that Mr Sartin fired two shots at Mr Macintosh knocking him to the ground. As his victim begged for help, the gunman was alleged to have replied: "No. It is your day to die," and fired two more shots, killing him instantly.

Mr David Robson, QC, for the prosecution, said that Mr Sartin had developed a macabre interest in horror and the occult, amassing a collection of books about Nazi concentration camps, mass murder and torture. He had also visited Hungerford, scene of the mass killing by Michael Ryan. Mr Sartin, it was said, had claimed that a man called Michael inhabited his mind and issued commands. Voices in his head also told him to kill his parents.

Mr Robson said Mr Sartin was a loner, quiet and shy, but beneath that exterior ran "a very dark river" which had broken to the surface with a "terrible reality". What caused the sudden and devastating explosion would probably never be known.

Yesterday, Mr James Chadwin, QC, representing Mr Sartin, said the probabilities were that his client's mental state would deteriorate so drastically and sharply that long before any trial could be concluded, it would have to be aborted and the jury discharged. All three doctors who had given evidence took the view that a trial would achieve nothing positive, he said, and the defence supported the prosecution's view that Mr Sartin should not stand trial.

The judge said it was an exceptional, perhaps unique, case. There had been only one other comparable incident resulting from schizophrenia in the UK: the massacre at Hungerford. Mr Justice Waite added: "No one could fail to be moved by the elements of tragedy in this case affecting both those who suffered bereavement, fright or physical injury on the victims' side, and those on the perpetrator's side who have undergone the shock and horror of a loved one suddenly turned by extremes of illness into a mindless assassin."

The jury was allowed to bring in a majority verdict after failing to reach a unanimous decision after three hours of deliberation. The judge then directed that a verdict of not guilty should be entered on count four of the indictment relating to the attempted murder of Mr William Frank Roberts. Mr Sartin had entered a plea of not guilty to that charge at an earlier hearing and that had been accepted by the prosecution.

Since the shootings, the wounded have all been released from hospital, but a special counselling service is continuing to offer help to those affected, including witnesses to the shootings.

Mr Sartin's mother and father have also both suffered ill health since the incident. After the verdict yesterday, Mr Sartin's solicitor, Mr John Purves, read out a prepared statement on their behalf expressing sympathy for Mr Macintosh's widow and the other victims. It added: "It is clear from the report from psychiatrists that Robert was of unsound mind during the commission of those acts and Mr and Mrs Sartin are greatly relieved that he will continue to receive the help that he will continue to need for some time.

"They were both aware of Robert's interest in books concerning the occult and related subjects, but regarded it as no more than the pursuit of knowledge in an usual subject. Only with the benefit of hindsight would it be envisaged that his interest could be affected by mental illness or lead to violence of any kind."

"The Naked Maja", by Goya, turning the eye of visitors at the National Gallery in London, where it is on display with "The Clothed Maja". Goya's two most famous and scandalous creations will flaunt their charms at the gallery for two months (Sarah-Jane Checkland writes).

They will languish beside the painting that inspired them, "The Rokeby Venus" by Velázquez, painted 140 years earlier and named for its period at Rokeby Hall, in Yorkshire. The display is part of a reciprocal agreement between the National Gallery and the Prado in Madrid.

Maja means a girl of the people, a gypsy, even a prostitute, although some rumours have it that the model was the Duchess of Alba. Goya was summoned during the Inquisition to account for what were called "obscene paintings".

Rich wife 'risks jail' for £7,000 crime trail

THE wife of a millionaire businessman was threatened with jail yesterday after an illegal spending spree in London and the south of France.

Over a five-month period, Mrs Wendy Lipton, whose husband, Gerald, owns the Chinacraft chain of shops in central London, tricked top shops out of designer clothes worth more than £7,000, using stolen cheque and credit cards, after raiding a locker at her golf club in Surrey.

When police caught up with her, the rich housewife blamed her offences on a skin disorder, Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court was told.

Mr Michael Burdette, for the prosecution, said: "There is no financial reason why she committed the offences."

He said: "She offered no explanation for it, except to say that she was suffering from a skin disorder for which she required treatment."

Mr Vivian Robinson, QC, for Lipton, asked Mr David Meier, the magistrate, to adjourn the case so that her doctor could give evidence.

"There is ... a highly significant medical background to this case, which explains what would otherwise be a totally inexplicable series of acts," Mr Robinson said.

Lipton, aged 44, of St John's Wood, north London, admitted stealing a jewellery pouch and contents worth £1,860 from Mrs Jeanne Kicks at the Coombe Hill golf club, last June, stealing a cheque book, and deception offences.

Goods obtained included a £345 silk blouse and a £1,200 Kashmir cape.

Mr Meier adjourned the case for a social inquiry report. He granted bail to Lipton and told her: "You are in danger of a custodial sentence. I make no bones about that."

Hacker 'caused £25,000 damage'

By Nick Nuttall, Technology Correspondent

A YOUTH calling himself "the mad hacker" caused more than £25,000 worth of damage to university computer systems after "breaking in" and sabotaging files, a jury at Southwark Crown Court was told yesterday.

Nicholas Whiteley, then aged 19, used a personal computer to enter the national academic computer network, in what police allege is the biggest hacking case of its kind. He penetrated data bases at St Mary's College, London University, and Bath and Hull universities, replacing valuable information with schoolboy humour, it is alleged. Miss Joanna Korner for the prosecution said Mr Whiteley, now 21, "declared war" on Hull University when he could not enter the mainframe computer. When he managed to do so he sent a message saying: "I am taking up the challenge. This time I am upping the stakes."

MrWhiteley overloaded the system with data until it stopped working for 10 hours. He sent a message: "This will fill up your sodding system."

Miss Korner said that the jury might find some of Mr Whitley's activities funny, but she said: "The malice he displayed when attacking systems far removes his efforts from a rather puerile joke or game played on computer operators."

At St Mary's College Mr Whiteley, of Ascot Gardens, Enfield, west London, "hacked in" 81 times.He would spend up to 13 hours at a time tampering with the college's computer and on one occasion forced its closure for a weekend, the court was told.

The system was made to print 198 times: "I think you should know that I am mad ... I am also very depressed".

Mr Whiteley, a computer operator at a company, is also said to have attacked the London University system where he instructed the machine to carry out repeated tasks until it failed after a 1,000.

The court were told that Mr Whiteley, who is pleading not guilty to 10 charges of causing criminal damage by hacking into computer systems between March and July 1988, was arrested by police at his home on July 6 after British Telecom and the London Computer Centre set up a telephone trace.

Police found his computer linked to the London University Computer Centre, two notebooks detailing his activities and a copy of *The Hackers' Guide Book*.

The hearing of the case continues today.

Support emerges for switch to local TV on Channel 5

By John Lewis, Political Staff

THE Channel 5 station scheduled to come into operation in 1993 as another national channel, should be switched to provide purely local television, according to a Conservative MP.

Miss Emma Nicholson, MP for Devon West and Torridge, and a member of the broadcasting Bill's standing committee, has tabled an amendment that will give the Government the chance to rethink its policy. The amendment is scheduled to be discussed during the Bill's report stage next week.

Significantly, the proposition has backing inside the Independent Broadcasting Authority (IBA) and is believed to have the sympathy of Mr George Russell, the authority's chairman who, as chairman of the new Independent Television Commission (ITC), will also be responsible for Channel 5.

Miss Nicholson: Rethink on broadcasting policy

Such a move would mean a rapid change of course by the Government and, in particular, by Mr David Mellor, the Home Office minister responsible for broadcasting.

Miss Nicholson said: "What is provided in the Bill is that Channel 5 should be a national channel. The key words are that the ITC should provide 'a licence'.

"I have put down an amendment which says 'all licences'. The purpose is to allow the ITC to explore technically and philosophically whether or not it wants to go down the road of Channel 5 becoming local ... there is plenty of scope."

The Home Office is being cautious. Apart from the risk of one programme interfering with another, ministers believe a local Channel 5 could clash with proposals already in the Bill to have local microwave or cable television.

● Patricia Ewing, controller of BBC's Radio 5, yesterday outlined plans for the new national network scheduled to be launched on August 27. Sport, education and world service programming will be broadcast, together with programmes geared towards young children.

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Irish launch smoke-free zone with a few ifs and many butts

From Alan Hamilton, Dublin

THE designated smoking area at Dublin airport arrivals hall at 2.30pm yesterday contained two briar pipes, one cigarette, and three nuns. The nuns were not smoking, but looked as though they might at any moment attempt to convert the smoke-wreathed ungodly.

Ireland awoke yesterday to brilliant spring weather and the cleanest air it has enjoyed for many a day. The effect was not meteorological, but rather the result of the imposition of the toughest anti-smoking regulations in Europe.

At Dublin central bus station, where doors boldly proclaimed it a smoke-free zone, one man among 50 passengers was puffing heartily on a cigarette, and coughing as though his end might come before his bus. The Irish, who are not noted for enjoying new laws, took no notice.

At the Dublin General Post Office, guarded 74 years ago — unsuccessfully — by King George's troops, the doors were guarded by large pictures of cigarettes with red bars through them. Everyone appeared to be obeying, but the pavement outside was a fair mess of butts.

At Bewley's coffee house, the sweetest smelling place in all Dublin, two addicts puffed openly in the designated smoking area, which all restaurants must now have. Smoking anywhere else on the premises can now attract a fine of £100 from the culprit and £500 from the management for allowing it.

On the tops of buses smoking has now joined spitting as a banned activity. The weed, nay the briar even, is forbidden in the public areas of all government offices, cinemas, theatres, indoor sports centres, museums, galleries and most public transport. Even Aer Lingus has reduced its smoking area to six rows per aircraft.

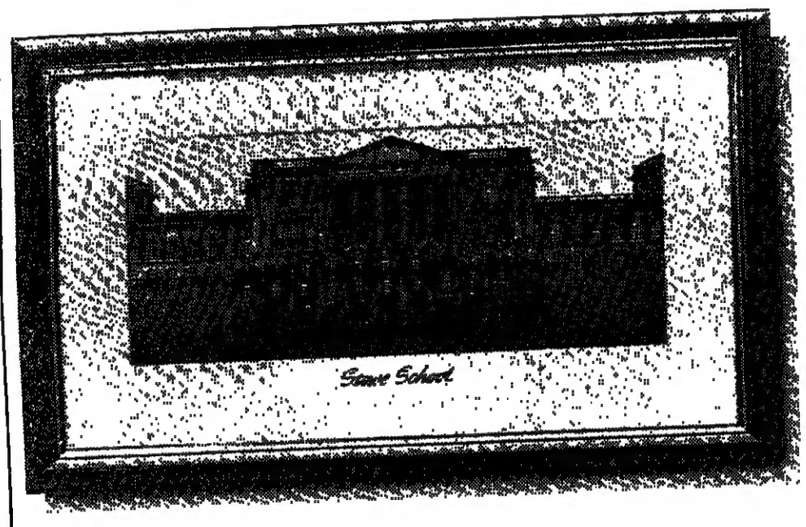
At least, pensioners enjoying concessionary matinée tickets at the Savoy cinema yesterday afternoon were able to see Sylvester Stallone with unusual clarity and sharpness, freed from the customary fug which used to fill picture houses. Whether it heightened their enjoyment of the screenplay was not clear.

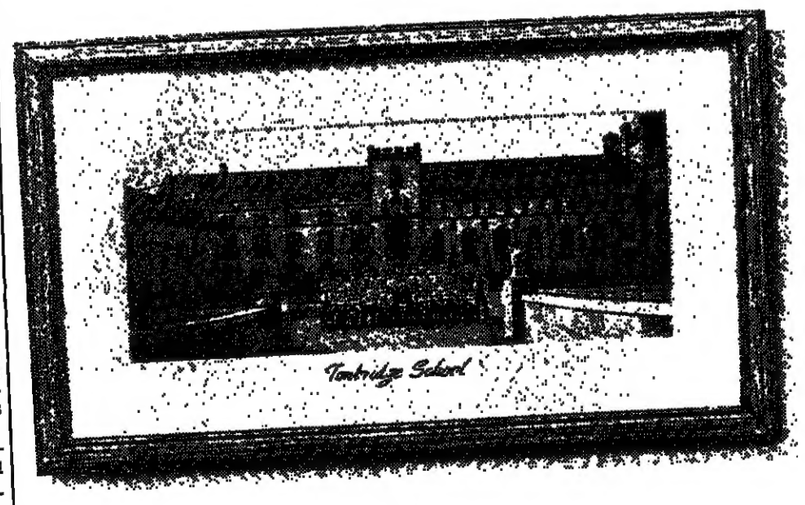
Schools are also included in the smoking ban, turning a crafty puff behind the bike sheds from a mere display of moral weakness into a criminal offence. Even teachers dare not now smoke outside the staffroom.

But in the Palace Bar, hard by College Green, the air remained comfortingly blue and hazy. Pubs are so far exempt, but the Irish fear that their crusading Health Minister, Dr O'Hanlon, may yet extend his prodnosing clean air Act into the snug. Dr O'Hanlon certainly intends to extend the smoking ban, and has said he hopes that tobacco will be exorcised from all places of work by the end of the year.

What the Irish really fear, however, is a ban on all sports sponsorship by tobacco companies, already the subject of a battery of restrictions. Prayers may soon be said in churches throughout the land for the Carrolls Irish Open, the Benson and Hedges Irish Masters' snooker, and the Rothmans J24 Class World Sailing Championships.

Yet every cloud of cigarette smoke has its silver-paper lining. Offenders who cannot or will not pay the fine for indulging their noxious habit in public will find to their relief that the prisons are entirely exempt from the law.





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Peace campaigners in spy escape case win delay to trial

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

TWO peace campaigners yesterday won leave to challenge in the High Court a judge's decision that they must stand trial for their roles in helping the double agent George Blake to escape from prison 24 years ago.

In what is believed to be an unprecedented legal move, Mr Justice Hodgson ordered the trial of Patrick Pottle and Michael Randle to be halted while their application for judicial review goes ahead.

Their trial had been due to start at the Central Criminal Court today. The case raises an important legal issue as to whether or not decisions of Crown Court judges in such circumstances are open to judicial review.

Mr Justice Hodgson said he considered the point "arguable and indeed difficult" and it should be considered at a full judicial review hearing.

The case also raises the issue, increasingly coming before the courts, of whether a delay in bringing a prosecution is such as to amount to an "abuse of process" and therefore to be prejudicial to the defendants.

Mr Pottle, of Northview Road, Crouch End, north London, and Mr Randle, of Hollingwood Lane, Bradford, are seeking to overturn Mr Justice Macpherson of Cluny's decision at the Central Criminal Court on Friday not to grant a permanent stay on the trial. They argue it is "oppressive" and "an abuse of the process" of the court to prosecute them 24 years after Blake's escape.

Yesterday Mr Justice Hodgson rejected an invitation from Mr John Laws, Treasury Counsel, who had been asked by the judge to assist the court on the law, to make a ruling that the High Court lacked jurisdiction to hear the case.

Mr Richard Gordon, a barrister and author of *Judicial Review: Law and Procedure* said the decision to allow the challenge was unusual. It centred on the extent of the High Court's jurisdiction under section 29 (3) of the Supreme Court Act 1981 and whether such a challenge was prohibited in law or not. It could open the way to similar challenges where courts have refused to stop stale prosecutions and could "add a growing impetus to the willingness of the High Court to curb prosecutions where there has been considerable delay".

Mr Pottle, aged 51, said after the hearing: "We are both extremely pleased. We felt during the hearing last week that Mr Justice Macpherson had made a number of fundamental mistakes in excluding witnesses and a statement from a Special Branch inspector.

"I think that although this will have to go up to appeal, obviously the judge today feels that there are good grounds."

He said: "We would like the whole thing to be done as quickly as possible. We are in no way trying to delay the trial. It has taken 24 years to get to this point."

Mr Randle, a researcher aged 56, said: "The sooner the better for us. We don't want it hanging around any longer. It is a bit of a strain."

The two men say that 20 years ago a decision was taken by the police "at a high level" not to launch proceedings against them, even though the police had reason to believe they had committed the offence.

Polo club takes aim at the future

JULIAN HERBERT

Mrs Claire Tomlinson, the leading British woman polo player, putting her horse, Chancellor, through his paces at the Beaufort Polo Club, at Westonbirt, near Tetbury, Gloucestershire, which she and her farmer husband, Simon, hope may be the first of a new breed of polo clubs in Britain.

The Tomlinsons have put down two polo grounds on the site of the former Beaufort Polo Club ground at Down Farm, Westonbirt, and have retained the name of the Beaufort club, popular during the 1930s and former home of the Indian polo team of the Maharajah of Jaipur (Ruth Gledhill writes). Now they are planning up to three more grounds in the locality.

The club, which has about 20 players, with handicaps from minus two to plus seven, has been affiliated to the Hurlingham Polo Association. The club's first team is playing in a tournament on Thursday, next week. It has been revived in co-operation with the Cirencester Park Polo Club. Membership fees depend on age and ability.

Mrs Tomlinson said: "There is a growing demand for polo. We are aiming to encourage and bring on young British players and to produce a high standard. The aim ultimately is to have smaller clubs around the country for teaching and coaching, and the tournaments will stay at the bigger clubs. That is what happens in other countries."

Parkinson launches safety campaign

By Michael Dynes
Transport Correspondent

MILLIONS of travellers take unnecessary risks, putting their lives and the lives of others in danger every day, according to a survey published yesterday by Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Transport.

Launching the transport safety campaign, "Safety on the move", Mr Parkinson urged people using all modes of transport to concentrate their efforts "on what they can do to improve their own safety and the safety of others".

The survey of a representative sample of 1,000 adults, conducted by the British Market Research Bureau, showed that 45 per cent of all drivers regularly exceed the 70mph speed limit and 16 per cent of pedestrians fail to look both ways when crossing the road.

The survey also showed that 17 per cent of rail passengers open train doors before trains stop, 42 per cent of air travellers fail to read safety instructions and 55 per cent of ferry passengers do not check where muster stations are.

Moreover, one in 10 surveyed admitted to jumping off a bus before the stop, 4 per cent of London Underground travellers force carriage doors open and 8 per cent of rail travellers lean out of windows while trains are moving.

"Every day millions of transport users take unnecessary risks. Most of the time people get away with these risks unscathed. But it only takes a bit of bad luck, and there can be a serious accident," Mr Parkinson said.

As 90 per cent of road accidents, for example, involve human error, the department had decided to launch a campaign focusing on the contribution travellers could make to their own safety.

Nonetheless, Mr Parkinson said he accepted the Department of Transport had "an overriding priority" to reduce risks faced by travellers, and said everything was being done to ensure that government and transport operators learnt the lessons of past accidents.

Mr Jonathan Bray, a spokesman for the campaign for improved public transport in London, criticized the safety campaign "for blaming passengers for transport accidents when poor management and underfunding are the chief culprits".

He said: "It is all very well reminding people to act sensibly when travelling, but the public know that it was bad management and under-financing that led to disasters like the King's Cross fire and the Clapham crash."

Mr Bray called on Mr Parkinson to set up a new independent safety inspectorate with the finance, powers and the will to oversee public transport, and to agree to additional London Underground lines needed to relieve dangerous overcrowding.

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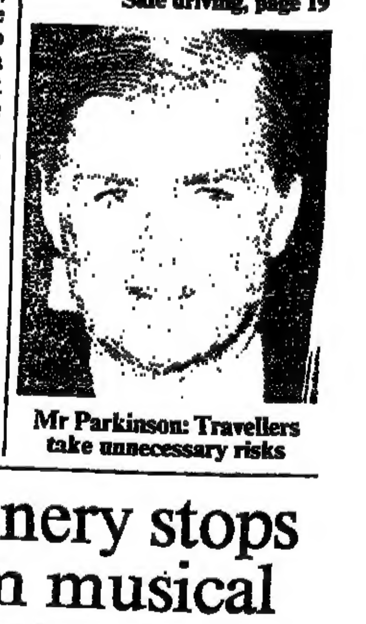

Mr Parkinson: Travellers take unnecessary risks

Blake's first book fetches £74,000

By Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

THE best private library of rare English literature is no more after a huge two-day dispersal at Sotheby's, New York. Pickings from the H Bradley Martin collection, which included first editions and autograph manuscripts by such names as W.H. Auden, William Blake, and John Betjeman, were shared between British and American dealers, with private buyers making frequent spirited bids.

An unnamed London dealer paid $121,000 (£74,029) for a first edition of *Poetical Sketches*, William Blake's first book and one of only 20 known to exist. The estimate had been about £50,000. The book had the added attraction of various handwritten corrections by the author, such as when the word "beds" is changed to "birds", although some scholars believe those additions are fake.

Robert Browning's first book, *Pauline; a Fragment of a Confession*, written while still a teenager, sold to an American dealer for £47,109, while a first edition of Elizabeth Barrett's *The Battle of Marathon*, published when she was 13 and inscribed "for her dearest Grandmama with Elizabeth's love", fetched £30,284.

The sale was the climax of a massive dispersal of the H. Bradley Martin collection, compiled over 40 years by the Manhattan millionaire who became an Anglophile after a period as a student at Christ Church, Oxford, during the 1920s. Other areas of interest, including an impressive line-up of ornithological works, had already been sold according to instructions left by Mr Martin, who died in 1988.

Four lots containing unpublished poems by Sir John Betjeman sold within their estimates, the most expensive fetching $19,800 (£12,200). The total for the first day's sale of 397 lots was £1.5 million, with 1 per cent unsold.

Flying scenery stops Sondheim musical

By Simon Tait, Arts Correspondent

THE Royal National Theatre performance of the Stephen Sondheim musical *Sunday in the Park with George* was cancelled last night to allow an investigation after a piece of falling scenery narrowly missed an actor during a performance.

Monday's performance at the Lyttleton Theatre was called off half way through when a wooden tree which needed to be "flown" off stage on pulleys fell from its hook.

It was the third incident at the National in a week leading to the stoppage of a performance, and the second for the Sondheim musical. Last Monday part of another piece of scenery, an iron weightbar, became dislodged.

The next day in the neighbouring Olivier Theatre, Peter Wood, the director, halted a performance of his production of *School for Scandal* when a hydraulic jack broke down, preventing the revolving stage from moving.

After the latest incident on Monday night a meeting of the actors took place and the management agreed to stop the performance and cancel last night's to allow the whole of the complicated set to be examined. Ticket-holders were being offered refunds. It is expected that today's scheduled matinee performance of *Sunday in the Park with George* will go ahead.

"We have to make sure that everything is completely safe," a theatre spokesman said. "It is an extremely complicated set which requires large flats to fly off and on stage. The show had been on for 52 performances and there seemed no reason why the bar should suddenly be ripped loose on the fifth-third.

"Nor is there any explanation for why the tree should have come loose, but there is no question of sabotage. It has simply been bad luck, but we can take no chances".

The incidents at the theatre and elsewhere are being taken up by Equity, the actors' union. It said yesterday that a new working party involving the union, representatives of stage staff and theatre managers, has been set up to look into safety on stage.

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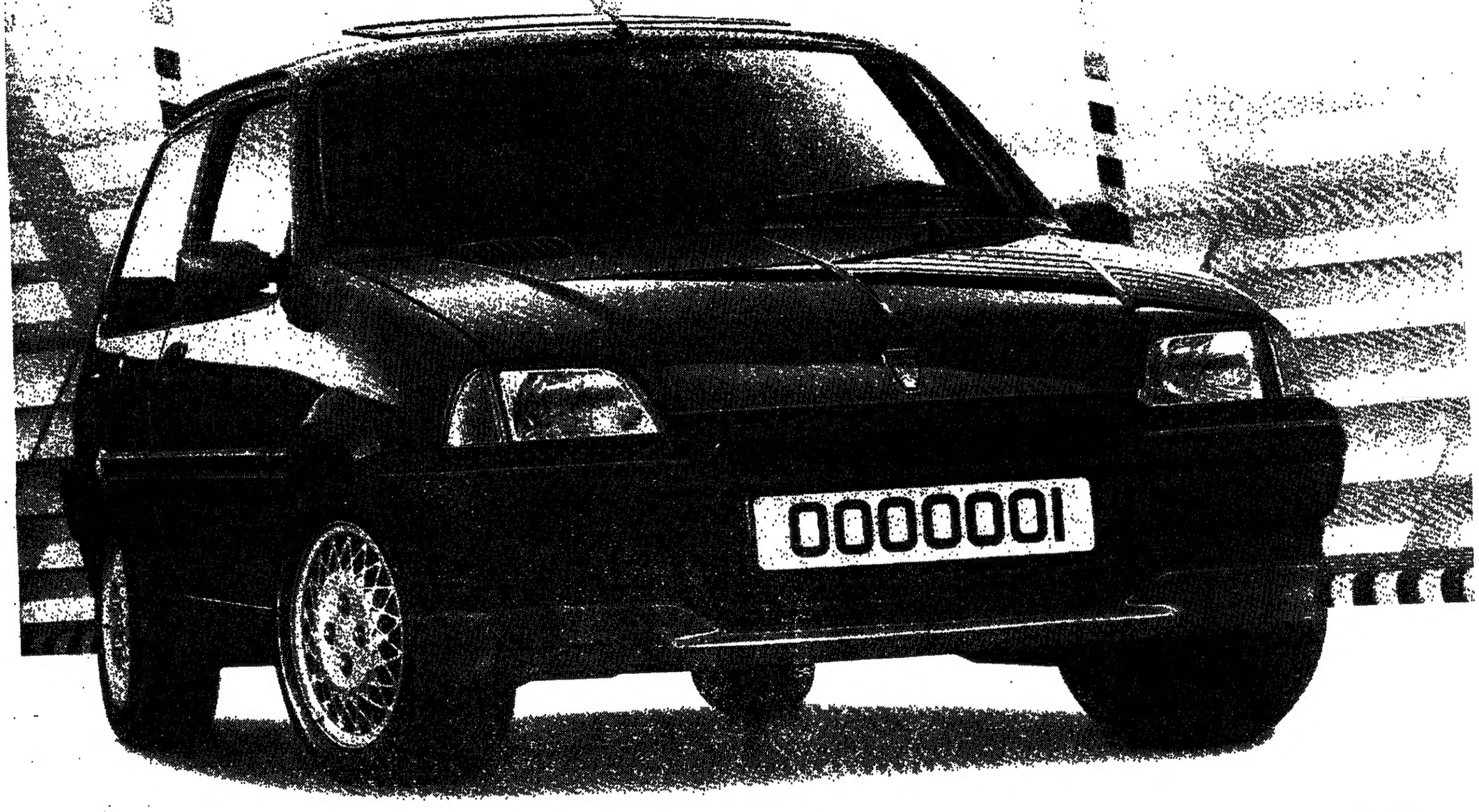

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LOCAL ELECTIONS IN BRISTOL

A mercantile city brought down by craze for change

*Bristol's energy that once went into commerce and industry has been diverted over the past 30 years into development and construction. **Richard West** assesses the consequences*

KING Edward III, in 1373, turned Bristol into a county, separate from Somerset and Gloucestershire. Almost exactly 600 years later, Mr Edward Heath merged Bristol into a new county called Avon, taking in Bath, Weston-super-Mare and various other places, which greatly resented their new status.

Both Bristol and Avon councils have now been rate-capped because, so the Government says, they have been overspending. But the creation of Avon, adding an extra tier of administrative bureaucracy, means that people have to pay more for their local government, whether they do that in income tax, rates or the new community charge.

If the Government really wanted to solve its present difficulties, it could simply abolish Avon and all those tiers of bureaucracy, returning again to the old system when only householders paid any rates or had a vote in local elections.

In Bristol, as everywhere in these local elections, the poll tax has drawn attention away from more serious local issues. The city which had the most violent riots during the agitation preceding the Great Reform Bill of 1832 has taken again to the streets. Even the gentle Greens are burning their poll tax forms.

The Greens are concentrated in the Montpellier district, where health shops are so green "all the potatoes come covered in muck," a resident says. "There are also lots of solar panels in Montpellier but unfortunately it rains most of the time."

The Greens and the left disapprove of the way in which Bristol grew wealthy. As early as the 11th century, Bristol was both the market and the port for the sale of English slaves to Ireland and even further abroad, particularly young women.

Throughout the Middle Ages, Bristol shipped in most of the wine from France, Spain and Portugal, acquiring itself a reputation for drunkenness. It was the main importer of furs. Bristol's main wealth in the 18th century came from the infamous three-way trade in cloth and drink to West Africa, buying slaves for sale in the West Indies, from where the ships brought back sugar and rum. Many descendants of the slaves now live in the St Paul's district, including the city's next Lord Mayor, the owner of a popular public house.

The Greens and the left joined in denouncing Bristol's new Sixties industries such as Concorde and a zinc smelter at Avonmouth, but most of the energy that went into commerce and industry has been diverted over the past 30 years into development and construction. Bristol was bombed in the Second World War but the damage was slight compared to the orgy of demolition that started about 1960. That year marked the pulling down of Bristol's only Norman house.

The next year witnessed the demolition of all the Georgian and pre-Georgian houses of Vine Row and Park Hill, followed in 1962 by a medieval church, the Bishop's Palace and several old streets. The demolition reached a climax in 1964 with the disappearance of most of the Georgian houses as well as some much loved Victorian and Edwardian public buildings.

The pulling down of a cluster of timber-framed houses to make way for a widening of the inner circuit road in 1969 removed the last part of Bristol where one could stand entirely out of sight of any but 18th-century or earlier buildings.

The beautiful old city has been replaced by a concrete jungle of motorways, overpasses, hideous shopping centres and gimcrack office blocks. Bristol is now one of the most ugly, depressing places in Britain. It is salutary to compare Bristol with Hull, another old port which also suffered bomb damage in the war. Because Hull has not been developed, because its centre has been restored, it is now as pleasant as Bristol is miserable. The people who used to live in the centre of Bristol were packed off into high-rise flats in the suburbs. Crime, vandalism and broken homes are rife. Near some of the more depressing estates, at Barton Hill, the Avon council finances a youth club, which now has international fame. It is a centre for students of aerosol art, or what the rest of us call spraying graffiti. Apparently people have come from as far as Munich, Lisbon, New York and Brisbane to study under the Barton Hill tutors.

A city which still has some of the masterpieces of Isambard Kingdom Brunel, Britain's engineering genius, is now famous for aerosol art. The SS Great Britain, the first steamship to cross the Atlantic, is still in the harbour, one of the few ships these days. The Clifton Suspension Bridge is still an attraction to those who are suicidal. The developers failed to get permission to pull down Brunel's magnificent Temple Meads station.

Brunel's work lies on the outskirts of town. It is the city centre where most of the ruination occurred. The remaining medieval churches include some that are locked for good. Another is now a museum. Even the working churches have only small congregations. It is a good place to ponder Cardinal Hume's remark last month that England is no longer a Christian country.

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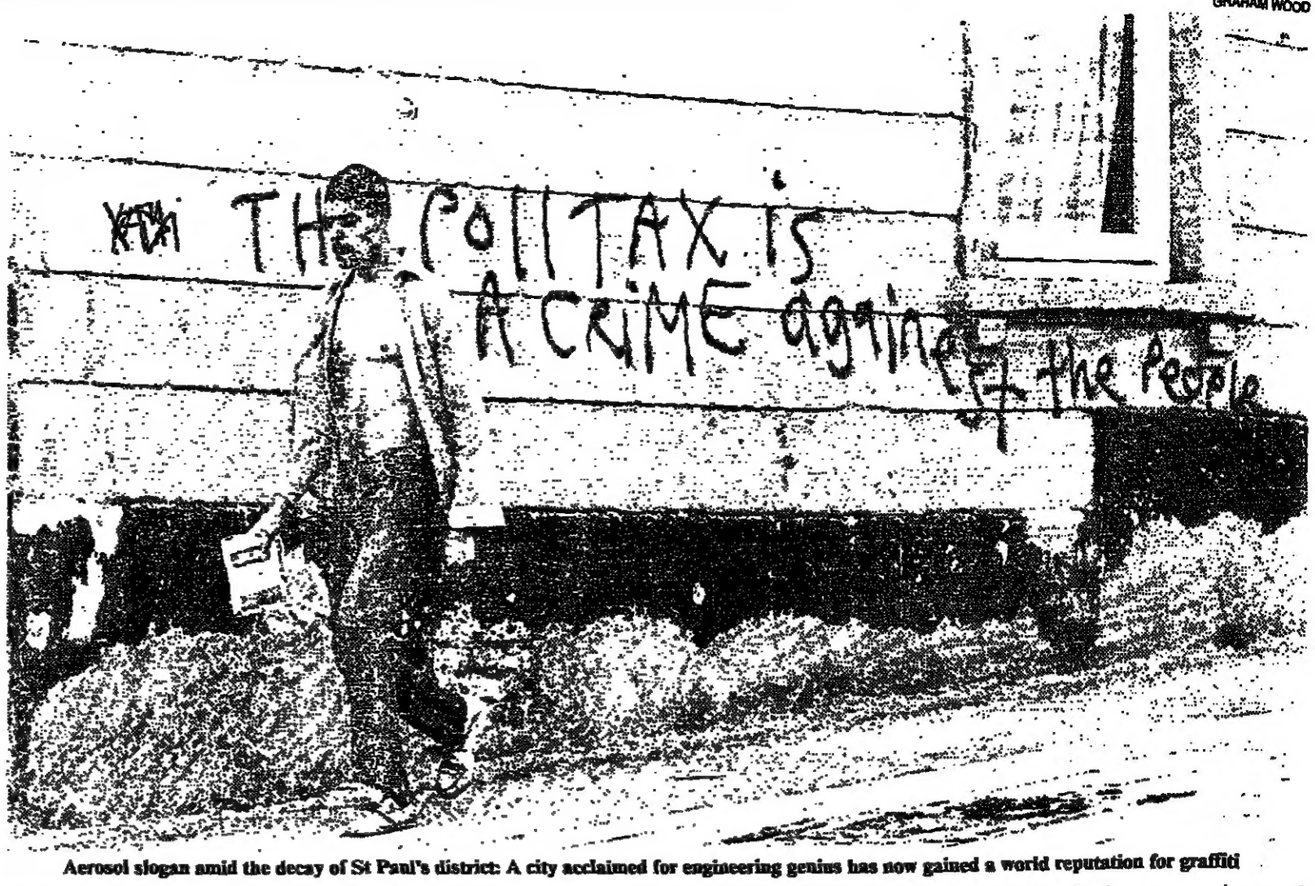

Aerosol slogan amid the decay of St Paul's district: A city acclaimed for engineering genius has now gained a world reputation for graffiti

Battle of the parties

A THIRD of the council is up for election this year in Bristol. The city is controlled by Labour, which holds 37 seats. The Conservatives have 24 seats and the Social and Liberal Democrats have five. Two vacant seats are also being contested. All parties are fighting all 25 seats. Labour is defending the majority of seats — 15 in all. The Conservatives are fighting to hold on to eight seats and the SLD is defending only two. The Greens are hopeful of scoring at least one victory at the polls. They are contesting all the seats up this year.

'Corruption row' embroils council on eve of poll

By Nicholas Wood
Political Correspondent

LABOUR yesterday sought to sink Tory hopes of holding on to the flagship London borough of Westminster by accusing local Conservatives and ministers of "corruption" in the allocation of Whitehall grant to the authority.

Westminster has set a poll tax of £195 — the second lowest in London after Wandsworth — and its fate in council elections tomorrow is central to the Government's case for the community charge. If the Tories, who have a majority of only four seats, beat off the Labour challenge and buck the national trend, ministers will be able to argue that it is the level of the charge, not the underlying principle of a flat-rate tax, that is at fault.

Yesterday, Dr John Cunningham, Labour's campaign co-ordinator, produced leaked papers which, he said, contained evidence of "corruption" involving local Tories and ministers to "gerrymander" the election result. He suggested that Westminster had illegally used ratepayers' money to hire a firm of lobbyists to conduct a high-powered persuasion exercise stretching all the way to the Prime Minister.

In a bizarre twist, Lady Porter, leader of Westminster council, initially denied the allegations about hiring the firm of lobbyists but then retracted her remarks. A spokesman said she had been caught unawares and that the council had spent under £5,000 on hiring GJW, a firm of lobbyists, to make its case to the Government over the safety net and the council's need for extra money for services to tourists, commuters and shoppers to make up for that lost through the introduction of the uniform business rate. He said that Mr Paul Dimoldenberg, leader of the Labour group, worked for Good Relations, a lobbying firm previously associated with GJW.

The Department of the Environment denied that Westminster had been given special treatment, and Mr Barry Legg, the Tory chief whip for the council, dismissed the claims as a "desperate pre-election gimmick".

Dr Cunningham said: "The purpose of this conspiracy has been to manipulate the eventual level of the poll tax in Westminster, and almost certainly in Wandsworth and Bradford, too, for the simple political objective of retaining political control as a squalid political exercise.

"Now we have the evidence which confirms our suspicions that this has been deliberately manipulated with the misdirection of public funds and the very partial and special treatment given to these Tory boroughs simply to try to buy another four years in power. Ministers have clearly been involved, as has 10 Downing Street . . . lobbyists have clearly been employed by the council at the ratepayers' expense."

He added that Westminster had been given an extra £25 million — worth £185 a person in lower poll-tax bills — as a result of the lobbying exercise. "This is corruption."

Mr Legg replied: "In common with hundreds of other councils, of course, we lobby the Government about the £75 safety net and the cost to our charge-payers of servicing a million commuters, tourists and shoppers who pour into Westminster every day."

There were four documents produced by Labour, including reports of meetings and one making direct reference to the Prime Minister. It said: "The Prime Minister is the last resort. She should only be invoked when all arguments have failed to persuade DoE ministers of the rightness of Westminster's case."

The department rejected the claims and denied that Westminster had behaved improperly. "Westminster's grant was calculated on precisely the same basis as applied to other authorities," it said.

Conservative Central Office denied there had been special treatment.

Dr Cunningham: Seized on leaked documents

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Big Brewers resist order on sale of rival beers

By David Sapsted

NEW brands of beer should have appeared – but in most cases did not – in more than 21,000 British public houses yesterday as the first step in the Government's drive for more competition in the brewing industry and greater choice for the drinking public.

Under a Department of Trade and Industry order made after last year's Monopolies and Mergers Commission report on the industry, tenants of public houses owned by the five big brewers were free from yesterday to start selling at least one "guest" cask-conditioned ale, buying it direct from an independent company.

The new order did not work out that way. Tenants claimed pressure from the brewers; the National Union of Licensed Victuallers was mulling over legal action; and the companies were considering rent increases for publicans who started selling beers from independent brewers next to their own.

Independent and regional brewery companies, meanwhile, intensified efforts to persuade tied houses to carry their beers. Wolverhampton & Dudley Breweries even offered rent subsidies or loans at 5 per cent to publicans ready to stock its Banks's brew. That, in turn, led to existing Banks's publicans protesting that the national brewers' pubs in the Midlands would suddenly be offered a price edge they did not enjoy.

Mr John Overton, chief executive of the licensed victuallers' union, said: "It is all somewhat confusing and unsatisfactory." The union is taking legal advice over the proposal by GrandMet, one of the big five brewers, to review the rents of its 4,238 tenants because of the "new retail opportunity" in the Government order.

The monopolies commission originally proposed that the big five – Allied-Lyons, Bass, Courage, GrandMet and Whitbread – should be required to reduce the total number of tenancies to just 2,000 each. The report added that a tenant should be allowed to carry one guest beer, which would have given publicans access to the boom market in lager.

Pressure applied inside and outside of Parliament by the brewing lobby, however, finally left the companies with all their properties and left tenants with only the opportunity of carrying at least one cask-conditioned ale outside the brewery-supplied portfolio.

Mr Ken Hollingworth, who runs Ye Olde Green Dragon, an Allied-owned house at Shenfield, Essex, estimated that even that concession could mean the big five losing up to a fifth of their cask-conditioned sales.

"I have been carrying two guest beers, Adnams and Greene King, for some time. Both were supplied via Allied but, when I said I was thinking of buying in one of them direct myself, the company said it would stop supplying me with the other one," Mr Hollingworth, chairman of the Allied Tenants' Group, said.

"There was also the threat of a rent review, but we took legal action and Allied starting backing off. I don't quite know what the position is at the moment but I am talking to other brewers this week to see what they have to offer."

Regional brewers have been offering various inducements, including free or cut-price ales, over the past two months in the hope that tenants would jump on their beer wagon. Apart from GrandMet, the national brewers have started offering to supply their tenants with a range of guest beers, the brew depending on regional preferences.

The Campaign for Real Ale, meanwhile, has been waging its own publicity campaign, urging publicans to go their own way but, so far, tenants appear to be waiting for the dust to settle.

"It sounds a good opportunity but it is scarcely worthwhile increasing your range if, at the end of the day, your extra profits are going to be taken away in higher rents. Most tied houses are still biding their time, seeing if the whole thing is going to be commercially viable," Mr Overton said.

Libel damages for MP

SIR Hector Monro, Conservative MP for Dumfries, accepted substantial undisclosed damages at the High Court in London yesterday in settlement of his libel action against the League Against Cruel Sports.

Mr Michael Grieve, for Sir Hector, told Mr Justice Michael Davies that the league, which campaigned for the abolition of all forms of hunting and other field sports, had also unreservedly withdrawn imputations in an article published in its newspaper *Wildlife Guardian* in November 1987.

The article contained allegations over the circumstances of Sir Hector's leaving the government in 1981 when he was Parliamentary Under-Secretary at the Department of the Environment. Mr Grieve said the league had recognized the damage caused to Sir Hector and had published a full apology in a recent edition of *Wildlife Guardian*.

Mr Tom Hart, for the league, which is to pay Sir Hector's legal costs, said the officers and members regretted that the wholly unjustified statements were ever made. The society's present staff were not associated with the publication of the offending article.

Sir Hector: Full apology from league

Big haul of 'crack'

West Midlands police have made what is believed to be the largest seizure in Britain of "crack", the highly addictive cocaine-based drug. Crack with a street value estimated at £27,000 was discovered when police raided a flat in the Holloway Head area of Birmingham on Monday night.

It was the fifth seizure of crack by West Midlands police in the past two years. A spokesman said that the weight of the drug discovered was still being determined. Three people are being questioned in connection with the seizure.

Marsh remand

Terry Marsh, the former world boxing champion charged with the attempted murder of Frank Warren, his former manager, was further remanded in custody until May 8 at Barking Magistrates' Court.

Village plea

Villagers at Stocking Pelham, Hertfordshire, have demanded their Georgian post box back after Royal Mail Services, in a dawn raid, replaced it with a modern box. The demand is being considered.

Green guards

Twelve "green guardians" were appointed by the Royal Society for Nature Conservation to act as wardens during the summer to protect some of Britain's rarest orchids.

Damages award

A psychologist who had to quit her job after being knocked down by a car in south London and suffering a change in personality won £200,000 damages in the High Court from the driver, aged 21.

Quick thinking

Roy Bowling, aged 21, of Leyton, east London, was found not guilty of rape when a jury at the Central Criminal Court returned the verdict in four minutes, said to be a record.

Abuse rise

Nottinghamshire County Council is planning to spend an extra £2 million on salaries to attract more social workers in order to cope with a rise in child abuse cases.

Slippery slope

Cars were wrecked and pedestrians jumped for their lives when a 38-ton lorry carrying frozen lard hurtled through the centre of Axminster, Devon, after its brakes failed.

Bean bath

Mr Kevin Nally raised £2,000 for children at the Queen's Medical Centre, Nottingham, by sitting in a bath of cold baked beans for six hours.

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Rites of May: The White Hart Morrismen from Redditch celebrating the dawning of May Day at 5am yesterday at St James's church, Weethley, Warwickshire

Tommy the Hat will sweet-talk tourists for a free pint

By Harvey Elliott

TOMMY the Hat, who on most days can be found sitting in his favourite corner at the bar of his local drinking pints of bitter and playing a mean game of dominoes, has found himself in the front line of the battle to persuade foreign visitors, especially Americans, to see more of the "real Britain".

Tommy, like hundreds of other pub regulars, has been spotted as a potential crowd puller and in return for free pints at the Granary Hotel, Amble, Northumberland, has been persuaded to become one of a new breed of "professional" locals, provided he teaches visitors how to play darts and dominoes, speaks the dialect, reminisces about the good old days and allows them to sit in his corner while they take photographs for the folks back home.

The idea of recruiting the regulars came to Mr David Hayes, director of Wayfarer Inns, which looks after the marketing for independent country pubs, inns and small hotels, after he studied the results of a survey among American travel agents about what their clients wanted to see and experience in Britain. Nearly 75 per cent of those questioned said their clients would like to sample country inns and pubs if only they could book such things in advance and were guaranteed the chance of sampling the local life.

He wrote to all group members from Devon to Scotland suggesting that they recruit their local character to act as some kind of ambassador and provide the touch of authentic colour tourists so often seek but rarely find. The response has been overwhelming. It seems that Britain is full of the likes of Tommy who would love to earn themselves free pints for a half-hour chat.

"This is a very serious proposition," Mr Hayes said. "The inns who belong to our group have between five and 15 bedrooms and really represent the true picture of rural Britain. We want them to earn their beer, however."

Tommy, nicknamed "the hat" because of the woolly hat he wears incessantly, will also have to hand over a recipe for his favourite family dish, which in his case is rabbit pie, identify the main items of local gossip and news and describe beauty spots in the immediate area.

For Tommy, a retired coal-miner of indeterminate age, that will present few problems because he has always lived in and around Amble and loves to gossip anyway. If he and his fellow regulars can woo the tourists and persuade them to pay up to £75 a night for a double room in an old inn the chances are that they will be rewarded with far more than the odd free pint.

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Thatcher refuses to be drawn on poll tax legislation

THE Prime Minister refused to be drawn into saying during question time whether the Government would legislate to modify the community charge in the present session of Parliament.

Mr Neil Kinnock said that poll tax would have to be abolished – "even if it means the Prime Minister goes down with her own flagship". He opened by asking: Will she tell us whether or not she is going to introduce legislation to change poll tax in this session of Parliament?

Mrs Margaret Thatcher: When in fact we have a statement, we shall make it. It will be far more detailed and thorough than any we have had from him (Labour protests).

Mr Kinnock: Does she not remember telling me a few short weeks ago that she thought community charge will be very popular? Does she still believe that and, if so, why is she sending ministers off in eveey direction, desperately searching for an escape route from poll tax?

Mrs Thatcher: Community charge is a much fairer charge (Labour laughter and interruptions)... and a far fairer charge than the alternative roof tax.

I notice that when Mr Kinnock gave an interview on April 21, it says this: "Mr Kinnock then gave a strong indication of his own thinking" (Conservative laughter).

He said: "The tax base for rates was imputed rents and that's one thing we can take into account now and bung into the computer".

She said: Does he not know the

PRIME MINISTER

old computer saying (further interruptions) "Garbage in, garbage out"? (Conservative laughter)

Mr Kinnock: Can the Prime Minister understand what just about everybody in the country now understands: That poll tax will never be fair (Labour cheers). It cannot be amended. It must be got rid of.

Mrs Thatcher: Can he not understand that domestic rates have been abolished? They were the most unfair tax; the enemy is not community charge, but high-spending Labour councils.

Mr Andrew Smith (Oxford East, Lab): Does she accept responsibility for the chaos and confusion at the heart of government over poll tax? Does she not owe it to this House, and the people, before they vote on Thursday, to give a straight answer to a straight question: What precisely will she do about poll tax?

Mrs Thatcher: Of course adjustments will have to be made and we are looking to see what they have to be. If there is any confusion, it is in the minds of local Labour authorities.

High community charges are due to local Labour councils. Most councils have got out their charges with the rebates and transitional relief.

Miss Emma Nicholson (West Devon and Torridge, C) said that because only 19 million people had paid rates and 36 million were now liable to pay for local services, the charge was already infinitely fairer.

Mrs Thatcher: She is correct. More than 70 per cent of people in a poll said that they believed that everybody should make some contribution to local government spending. That is precisely what community charge does, with more generous rebates than ever, and generous rebates on transitional relief.

It is much fairer than rates or roof tax.

Dr David Owen: Is banding of the poll tax one of the adjustments she has in mind, so that people can pay on the basis of their ability to pay, or is the Prime Minister opposed to that in principle? Or are there practical arguments, in which case perhaps she will enumerate them?

Mrs Thatcher: Those who cannot afford to pay get very generous community charge rebates, more generous than ever before. About nine million people benefit from them.

Those who have a sharp difference between the old rates and community charge are eligible for transitional relief. That applies to seven million people.

People who do not get sufficient transitional relief live in high-spending Labour council areas (Labour protests).

Better-off people, she said, paid far more for local services because national tax was the greatest contributor to local authority spending. The top 10 per cent of earners paid 40 per cent, far more than those in the bottom 10 per cent.

Mr Dennis Canavan (Falkirk West, Lab) said Mrs Thatcher had herself called poll tax the flagship. Now that the elections were fast approaching, despite the captain's order to change course, she should recall what had happened to that other flagship, the Belgrano.

Mrs Thatcher said that Mr Canavan could have done better. In Scotland, local authorities were holding or reducing the charge. "Accountability is at last beginning to work, as this year councils cannot blame increases on anybody except themselves."

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Stance on sovereignty wins wide support

THE Prime Minister's stance at the Dublin summit last week, when she made clear her determination to defend the powers of the House of Commons in any moves towards political union in Europe, was widely supported when she reported to MPs yesterday.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher told the Commons that there were widely differing views at the summit on what political union covered. She had pointed out that the term raised anxities about loss of national identity, national sovereignty and national institutions.

She added: "I suggested that the positive way forward lay instead through ever closer co-operation among member states and reform of the Community's existing institutions to make them more effective and more efficient. We shall have constructive ideas to put forward for this. I found a number of these views shared by other heads of government."

Any decisions reached at an inter-governmental conference resulting from the talks between foreign ministers would have to be unanimous and approved by national parliaments, she said.

Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, asked her if, in the light of the prediction by Mr John Major, Chancellor of the Exchequer, on the rate of inflation, she could update the House on the timing of Britain's entry into the exchange-rate mechanism of the European Monetary System.

Had the Prime Minister been consulted by Chancellor Kohl and President Mitterrand before they sent their letter to Lithuania a week ago? If so, why had Britain not been associated with that constructive initiative?

Had the Prime Minister been consulted by Chancellor Kohl and President Mitterrand before the letter was sent to the Community heads of government setting out proposals for an inter-governmental conference on European political union?

"Does it not occur to her that Chancellor Kohl and President Mitterrand are taking specific and important initiatives and Britain is not directly involved? It is because of the Prime Minister that our country has been put on the sidelines and it is left to others to determine the course and nature of the new Europe.

"We are just six weeks away from a European summit which will consider proposals for an inter-governmental conference on political union. Is it not obvious that the Prime Minister has no positive strategy for that summit? Do not these things make it crystal clear that, because of the way in which the Prime Minister conducts affairs, she has been pushed to the fringe from which she can

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exercise only marginal influence on events?

"Is it now not plain that the Prime Minister has made herself a mere spectator, the lame duck of the Community and she has only herself to blame?"

Mrs Thatcher said that, on inflation, she had nothing to add to what she had said after the Madrid summit.

On the statement on Lithuania, there had been a meeting a week earlier of all the foreign ministers which had issued a joint communiqué with which Britain had been associated.

The communiqué had been issued in terms of the Political Co-operation Treaty which required all states to consult one another, if possible, before making statements.

Chancellor Kohl and President Mitterrand had not consulted others before they issued their statement, although it was in the Political Co-operation Treaty that they should have done so.

"I am not surprised or disappointed that they did not because I think that, because we agree on political co-operation, does not mean that we relinquish sovereignty, either unilaterally or bilaterally, and we can make our own statements.

"I think it was rather on my side that they were giving practical evidence they did not intend to give up their sovereignty, unilaterally or bilaterally, even though they were talking without any definition whatever of political union."

Regarding the document put forward about political union, Chancellor Kohl and President Mitterrand had been talking of political union without defining it. The document talked of increased efficiency of the Community institutions, increased economic union and monetary union. But repetition of the word "union" did not define political union.

Mr Howell: Strong case for political progress

"In this session one was one of the political players, one of the principal players, the principal, political players, but many people supported what I said, and we got our own way in asking the foreign ministers to analyse what political union meant."

Mr David Howell (Guildford, C), chairman of the foreign affairs committee, said that the Prime Minister had been right in Dublin to seek a clearer definition of what was meant by European political union.

There was a strong case for further political progress and development in Europe, but that should be constitutionally based on the strength of the role of national parliaments and not on bureaucratic centralism or by increasing the power of centralized institutions without proper accountability.

The Prime Minister had made an excellent start in putting that forward and should continue with vigour.

Mrs Thatcher said that it seemed that there had been a tendency to increase the central powers of the Commission, but that was the wrong way. A greater distribution of powers was needed, and those powers should be taken through national parliaments and the Council of Ministers.

Mr James Molyneaux, leader of the UUP, said that the Prime Minister's strong statement in defence of parliamentary sovereignty accurately reflected the views of people not only in Northern Ireland but also throughout the United Kingdom (Conservative cheers).

Mrs Thatcher said that the statement "does reflect our views". She added: "We are by far the oldest Parliament. Probably we report far more often to our Parliament about everything which goes on in the EC than many other heads of Government."

Not being prepared at the start to put any limitation on political union was rather alarming because it could mean going step by step "towards relinquishing those things which are vital to our parliamentary tradition".

Mr William Cash (Stafford, C) said that, far from being isolationist or lacking in influence in Europe, the outcome of the summit proved "that we are leading Europe from within and doing so on the basis of our insistence on real parliamentary democracy and asking simple questions of those in authority".

Mrs Thatcher agreed. "It is wrong that people should use phrases without defining them. It is our task as heads of government to define them, to set strict limits to them, and I could not possibly come back here without doing precisely that.

"It took a good deal to get that done at this informal summit, but it is now being done."

Sir Russell Johnston, Liberal Democrat spokesman on Europe, said: "Many people in all parties and throughout Britain do not necessarily regard it as being in Britain's best interests that the Prime Minister gets her own way, and many feel that her attitude in Dublin was negative and insular."

Many felt that the development of a federal Europe, far from being a threat, was the best protection of our realistic sovereignty and economic well-being.

Mrs Thatcher: "It is not my way that one achieves. It is the way that this Government feels is best for Britain. It has done very well for Britain in finance, agriculture, trade, competition and so on – in particular in getting a realistic budget.

"Clearly Sir Russell does not mind losing, little by little – even faster than that – the powers of this House to a federal Europe. I disagree with him."

Any more centralization should be stopped, and they should make sure that the future of the Community involved implementing things through national parliaments.

The Rev Ian Paisley (North Antrim, DUP) said that the president of the Commission had made clear that he envisaged European political union in a structure where most decisions which affected the people of this nation would be taken in Brussels, and Chancellor Kohl had made clear in Dublin that he saw more and more power being vested in the non-elected Commission.

In view of that, could the Prime Minister give a categorical assurance that if there was a move to change the Treaty of Rome she would give the nation the opportunity by referendum to say if that course should be followed or not?

Mrs Thatcher said that the next meeting in Dublin in June would receive a report from foreign ministers who would doubtless by then have put forward proposals about the way forward. She believed that an inter-governmental conference would be set up because most people wanted it and it could be done by simple majority vote.

"We shall have our own proposals about making the institutions work better. We are aware of the enormous powers vested in a non-elected Commission body and do not think that they should be increased."

There would be a tremendous effort to increase them under monetary union and economic union. "That is where the main battles will come, I think." But everything would have to come back to the House for approval.

Mr Peter Shore (Bethnal Green and Stepney, Lab) said that the Prime Minister had been right in Dublin to welcome the reunification of the two Germanies. It was a pity that the EC was not similarly forthcoming about bringing in the other independent countries of Eastern Europe.

Attempt to hold spending rejected

An attempt to restrict increases in local government spending to the rate of inflation for the next two years was defeated in the Commons. **Mr Kenneth Hind** (West Lancashire, C) told MPs that increased spending after the introduction of the community charge would add 1 per cent to the rate of inflation.

"This will affect the reduction in the mortgage interest rates, interest rates for business and the whole economic strategy of this Government", he said. "Labour councils' increased expenditure are everyone else's higher mortgage repayments."

However, he was refused leave to introduce his Control of Inflation (Local Government) Bill by 143 votes to 88.

Mr Tam Dalyell (Linlithgow, Lab), opposing the Bill, said that Mr Hind was tinkering with the poll tax. But there was no safety net with which Conservative MPs could be rescued. It would never get any better.

Agency status for pay office

The Chessington Computer Centre, part of the Treasury, is to become a "next steps" agency, the **Earl of Caithness,** Paymaster General, announced in a written reply in the Lords.

The centre employs 450 staff and is the main supplier of computerized payroll services to government departments. More than half Britain's civil servants are paid by use of the centre's standard payroll system.

"Executive agency status will allow the centre to develop its business on sound commericial lines."

Iraq gun case arrests queried

MPs from all sides joined in demands in the Commons for an immediate ministerial statement about developments in the Iraq gun affair.

Sir Hal Miller (Bromsgrove, C) said that he had been told that Mr Peter Mitchell, of Walter Somers, among others, had been arrested. Until the intervention of his wife, he had not been allowed access to a solicitor. As yet there was no charge and the matter was not *sub judice* and could be discussed.

Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark (Birmingham, Selly Oak, C) said these people should not be allowed to be scapegoats for others' inefficiency.

Hurd to meet Mandela

Mr Douglas Hurd, Secretary of State Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, will meet Mr Nelson Mandela shortly to discuss how the process of peaceful change in South Africa can best be taken forward, **Mr William Waldegrave,** Minister of State, said in a written Commons reply.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Scotland. Environmental Protection Bill, conclusion of remaining stages.

Lords (2.30): Debate on the Channel tunnel and its road and rail links.

12% more nurses, MPs told

IN THE nine years to September 1988 there had been an 12.7 per cent increase in nursing and midwifery staff, including agency staff, employed in the National Health Service in England, **Mrs Virginia Bottomley,** Minister of State for Health, told the Commons during question time yesterday.

In September 1988 there had been 403,900 such staff compared with 358,400 wholetime equivalents nine years earlier. Over the same period, qualified staff had increased by 26 per cent.

Mr Graham Bright (Luton South, C) said that the figures once again nailed the lie that the Government was making cuts in the health service. It was also a fact that since 1979 nurses' average pay had risen 43 per cent in real terms.

Mrs Bottomley said that she could confirm those figures which were a clear indication of the Government's support for the health service. In inner London, a top-grade sister was now earning £17,000 a year, a half more in real terms than 10 years ago.

Mr Robin Cook, chief Opposition spokesman on health, said that the figures showed there had been a bigger increase in numbers in five years of the previous Labour Government than in the 10 years of the present Government. The achievement on which she was asking the House to congratulate the Government was in maintaining half the rate of increase previously achieved.

Mrs Bottomley said that it was surprising that Mr Cook should wish to draw attention to his record in government, because under the Conservatives nurses' pay had increased 43 per cent, while under Labour it had fallen by an average of 21 per cent.

Shackleton crash 'cuts' questioned

CUTS in recent years had led to a drop in the operational efficiency of the RAF, **Mr Allan Rogers,** Opposition spokesman on defence, told MPs during exchanges about the crash of a Shackleton early warning aircraft on Monday.

Speaking during a private notice question on the crash in the Isle of Harris in the Outer Hebrides which claimed 10 lives, he said: "It is with these cutbacks that we get such tragedies as this".

He was told by **Mr Archie Hamilton,** Minister of State for the Armed Forces, that until the investigations of a board of inquiry were complete, it would not be appropriate to speculate about the accident's causes.

Mr Rogers said that the ground crews had a tremendously difficult task in keeping the 20-year-old aircraft in service.

"It is a task which has been made extremely difficult in recent years because of cutbacks in operational Shackletons from eleven to six in this squadron.

"There has been a cannibalization of the planes that have gone out of commission. They have been robbed in order to keep aircraft in the air."

Questions on this crash needed to be answered. A matter of real concern was the role being played by the aircraft at the time.

He understood from the RAF that the aircraft had been participating in a missile-firing exercise, although no missiles had been fired for at least one-and-a-half hours before the crash.

If it had been on flight training, why was it flying at 700 feet when its normal operational mode was 6,000 to 8,000 feet? It was not equipped to fly at those low levels.

Mr Hamilton said that there was no question of putting lives

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at risk in flying these aircraft. The aircraft had not been participating in an exercise when it crashed. That had finished an hour or so beforehand. It had been on a training flight.

Sir Hector Monro (Dumfries, C) said that they should not speculate on the causes of accidents before hearing from the board on inquiry. No RAF aircraft of whatever age flew unless fully serviceable and airworthy.

Mr Hamilton agreed. The aircraft had an exceptional record. The last one to crash had been in 1968 and that was a maritime patrol version.

Mrs Margaret Ewing (Moray, SNP) said that she had left a stunned community. Some of the bereaved were known to her. "May I ask that there be no idle speculation about the possible causes of this tragedy?"

Mr Hamilton said that the board of inquiry was sitting. If they came up with any *prima facie* evidence of technical faults that caused disquiet, the fleet would be grounded at once. The aircraft were not flying today as a mark of respect.

Mr James Wallace (Orkney and Shetland, Lib Dem) asked when replacement aircraft were likely to come into operation.

Mr Hamilton said that the Government was not happy with the Shackleton's capability as an airborne early warning aircraft and was looking to replace them "as soon as we can". Awacs would be coming in in the spring of next year and he hoped that the whole order of seven aircraft would be completed about twelve months from then.

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Criminal record check for staff

COUNCILS are likely to be compelled to seek details of previous criminal convictions from staff applying for jobs in residential or nursing homes. **Mrs Virginia Bottomley,** Minister of State for Health, indicated in the Commons yesterday.

She said that the Government would seek an opportunity to bring homes with fewer than three residents within the present control.

She said that registering authorities should ask an applicant for registration to provide details of any previous criminal convictions. Local councils were already advised to seek that information. The Government was also considering making this an obligation on authorities when the regulations made under the Registered Homes Act, 1984, were next revised.

Mr Dennis Turner (Wolverhampton

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South East, Lab) said that that appeared to be progress. Many people could not understand why there were different criteria for those who worked in children's homes, residential accommodation and for the handicapped and other vulnerable groups. He hoped the changes would be made quickly.

Mrs Bottomley said that the department was having discussions with the Home Office. Work had started to ensure that criminal records should be available in the public sector.

Mr Andrew Rowe (Mid Kent, C) said that a valuable step in controlling the abuse would come from the operation of contracts and the work of care managers. If that was done properly, it should make a big difference.

Mrs Bottomley said that the complaints procedure written into the National Health Service and Community Care Bill would be an additional safeguard.

Ms Harriet Harman, an Opposition spokesman on health, said that one woman had a string of convictions while running an old people's home and when she came out of prison would be able to set up another old people's home if she kept it to fewer than three residents. Would the minister plug this dangerous loophole?

Mrs Bottomley said that standards must be maintained in private and public sectors. She had made clear that the Government would look for a legislative opportunity to control small homes.

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Soviet reform groups steal the show in Red Square

From Mary Dejevsky
Moscow

THE scarcely believable news was around Moscow within the hour: "We drove them out"; "They couldn't stand it"; "We won", people chattered to each other. At 11.30 on May Day morning, as grey clouds replaced the early sunshine, President Gorbachov and his party ended their public expression of solidarity with the Soviet and international working class and walked silently from Red Square to shouts of "Shame" and whistles of derision.

For the previous half-hour, the President and his group had stood on top of the Lenin mausoleum facing a multi-coloured crowd of banner-waving enthusiasts. Confronted with this part-happy, part-angry crowd, the official group looked calm, if solemn, but after a rustle of consultation and a glance at the television cameras, which were winding down their live coverage, they left.

Behind the mausoleum, in semi-privacy, Mrs Raisa Gorbachov talked animatedly to Mr Yuri Prokofyev, the Moscow Communist Party leader, without whose recommendation the demonstration would not have been permitted and whose job may now be on the line. Mr Prokofyev then spent several minutes in conversation with Mr Gavriil Popov, the new Mayor of Moscow — whose appearance on the platform earlier had been hailed with chants of "Well done" — "Mo-lo-dets... Mo-lo-dets" — but neither reappeared to calm the crowd.

The demonstrators wound their way through Red Square, along a complex of crowd-control corridors formed by police and plain-clothes "volunteers" for another hour before being eased out by deft police manoeuvring.

By 1 pm, the plain-clothes brigades had been replaced by uniformed police and the square was empty except for a small group of women cleaners, sweeping the cobbles vainly with small brooms, a dozen water trucks to hose down the square, and a small group of women — "Mothers Against Violence in the Army" — demonstrating against the bullying that had cost their sons' lives. They were escorted firmly from the square.

It had been a Moscow May Day demonstration like no other. Everybody who was anybody in the informal movements was there: from the Democratic Platform (the recently anathematized reform wing of the Communist Party), through the Liberals and the Democrats and the Social Democrats, to the late Dr Andrei Sakharov's Memorial Group and the anarcho-syndicalists with their distinctive red and black banners.

The Lithuanians and their backers were also out in force, with the red, yellow and green flags of "Free Lithuania" and their anti-blockade placards: "Gorbachov, Let Lithuania Go", "Long Live Free Lithuania", "Stop Strangling Lithuania".

Throughout, the joyful disorder of the crowd had been punctuated by the precision of the élite unit changing the ceremonial guard in front of the mausoleum. The chanting and whistling of the demonstrators had been all but drowned for the official guests by the blaring "background" music, part-martial, part-pop and part-uplifting exhortations to better work. The old was giving way to the new, but not quite yet.

When the country's top leaders turned and left, there was a feeling that they had, perhaps for the first time, met the whole multiplicity of their people face to face — and had not liked what they saw.

May Day 1990 was different from previous May Days not only in its denouement. The international celebration of labour had been given a "kinder, gentler look". The prevailing colour was not red: pale blues dominated the giant billboards of Marx, Engels and Lenin in Red Square. Public buildings and bus stops were adorned with pastel flower motifs and multi-coloured flags hung from the bridges.

But the effect was spoilt on May Day morning by the security. Central Moscow looked, for almost the first time in the past year, like a thoroughly totalitarian city. The vast squares were empty of civilians, occupied by army lorries.

Falsely cheerful music screamed from invisible loudspeakers. Police, Interior Ministry troops and regulars patrolled the pavements, and the thugs who form the KGB's reserve guard — dully-dressed youths with bulging muscles and poor complexions — thronged each entry point to Red Square.

At 9.55, groups of trade union-sponsored demonstrators advanced from their mustering points around the inner ring-road behind their red banners to converge and enter the square as a symbolic wave of working class solidarity. The Politburo group, which included leaders of official trade unions and the new leaders of Moscow City Council, walked on to the mausoleum to greet the crowd as the Kremlin clock struck 10.

A weak cheer went up, the hurrahs of former years were not even invited, and any triumphalism that might have permeated the occasion drained away as trade union speaker after speaker criticized the leadership for indecision, called for the living standards of workers to be maintained and damned the reform programme with faint praise. "We want *perestroika*, but not at any cost", their officially printed banners said. "Give us real wages for real work," said others.

The perfunctory trade union gathering was over within 40 minutes — a sad comment on the state of labour internationalism in its erstwhile home. Slowly, the 50,000 or so demonstrators filed out of the main square, and the informal groups stood where they had demonstrated less than an hour before, the flags of Free Lithuania at their head, waiting for the square to be theirs. For nearly two hours, it was theirs — though it could be a very long time before it is so again.

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Two Berlins unite for May Day festivities

From Anne McElvoy, East Berlin

BERLINERS from East and West yesterday celebrated their first joint May Day since 1946, shaking off the divisions and rhetoric of the emotionally charged workers' day holiday to enjoy demonstrations, beer and sausages together.

On the 100th anniversary of the festival, which has always had a special significance for the city known since the beginning of the century as Red Berlin, tens of thousands of East Berliners marched through the Brandenburg Gate to hear politicians' and trade unionists' speeches in front of the Reichstag.

But the Karl-Marx-Allee, the traditional scene of the May Day rallies carefully orchestrated by the former regime to rival Moscow's, remained empty. A year ago a crowd of 800,000 waved to the seemingly unbudgeable Herr Erich Honecker and heard the trade unionist Herr Harry Tisch promise that "imperialism will never defeat socialism in the colours of the GDR".

Security forces were always on hand, however, to prevent any unscheduled revolutionary activity. This year, in the largest joint policing operation so far, the forces from both sides of the city worked together to prevent the predicted escalation in violence.

They had feared that the riots, which are now almost traditional on May Day in the western borough of Kreuzberg, neighbouring the Wall and a constant flashpoint, could spread into the East, especially after an increase in neo-Nazi and anarchist activity on both sides of the Wall. However, it was considered a quiet afternoon in Kreuzberg, despite the broken glass littering the streets, boarded-up shop windows and a march of several thousand featuring balaclava-clad "freedom fighters".

The *Autonomen* - the autonomous ones — dressed in black, who populate the area, occupied themselves by chanting slogans about killing the rich, but were otherwise quite well behaved. The May Day riots here two years ago were the most violent since 1968 and the authorities now prefer to indulge in "low-profile peacekeeping".

The *Autonomen* are a motly mixture of revolutionaries in search of a cause and rich kids fleeing from the prosperous confines of West German society for a few years of anarchic freedom in Berlin. Even the most militant West German political groups are shy about being identified with them.

Herr Georg Fischer, who said he would rather be known as "Rat", bemoaned the lack of violence or "a good day out" as he put it, complaining that West Berlin had been overtaken by London as the rioters' paradise. Clutching his pet rat, he set off determinedly in search of someone to help organize trouble and handed out an invitation to an illegal late-night street party bearing the injunction "bring your own Molotov cocktail".

Red-letter day: Workers across the globe celebrating May Day in diverse ways. China, unlike other socialist countries, does not organize parades, and this couple in Peking, left, marked the day with ballroom dancing. In Kathmandu, top, Nepalese women workers took part in a peaceful march, while in Cape Town, South Africa, bottom, black workers staged a rather more belligerent parade carrying mock weapons

Loyalist Russians rally in Latvia

From Anatol Lieven
Riga

AS LATVIA prepares for a declaration of independence by its supreme soviet tomorrow, several thousand mainly non-Latvian residents of the republic met at a May Day rally yesterday to oppose the move.

The crowd, mainly Russians, marched under red banners to the embankment of the River Daugava, led by Soviet military bands. They carried placards reading "No to the Lithuanian variant", and "Equal rights for us too". Speakers at the rally seemed to have been deliberately chosen from the small remaining number of ethnic Latvian opponents of independence, but also included several Russian leaders of the Soviet loyalist Interfront movement.

The speeches denounced "the powers that want to restore the social order of the 1920s", and declared that "Latvia can only survive as part of the Soviet Union". The people in the crowd were mainly working class, and showed a measure of class hostility to the "bourgeois intellectuals" in the Latvian Popular Front.

There was also, however, a fair sprinkling of the non-Latvian middle classes, which is worrying for the Popular Front, which is hoping to win their support for independence. A member of the Interfront board, Mr Anatoli Belaichuk, the head of Aeroflot in Riga, said that rapid economic separation from the Soviet Union would lead to "unemployment, strikes and conflict".

One of the things that is worrying non-Latvians, most of whom migrated to Latvia under Soviet rule, is the Latvian Citizens' Congress, a body organized by the radical nationalist National Independence Movement. Only citizens of the inter-war Latvian republic and their descendants are eligible to vote for this body, and about half of them have done so. However, those 28,000 non-Latvians who have applied for citizenship in an independent Latvia were permitted to elect delegates without voting rights.

The congress has followed its equivalent in Estonia in claiming to be "the first legally elected body under Soviet occupation", denouncing the supreme soviet as "a part of the occupation system". While meeting on Monday and yesterday, however, it passed a resolution suggesting co-operation with the supreme soviet to achieve independence.

The congress elected a standing committee, including the Lutheran Archbishop Karlis Gailitis, of Riga. It also called for the banning of the Soviet Communist Party in Latvia. Many of its leaders described the non-Latvian population as "illegal immigrants" and "colonists", at a time when many Popular Front moderates regard winning over the non-Latvian population as a priority.

However, the congress draws prestige because, unlike most of the leaders of the Popular Front in all three republics, some of its deputies spent long periods in Soviet prisons as a punishment for their beliefs.

● KIEV — Nationalist groups used May Day celebrations throughout the Ukrainian republic yesterday to call for independence.

In Lvov, a pro-democracy stronghold, the city's mayor led a reported 40,000 in a neo-nationalist rally. In Kiev, the republic's capital, the official parade was much smaller than in recent years and in Harkov, the Ukraine's second biggest city, Rukh activists took over the main body of the parade.

They carried independence flags and shouted "Long live the Communist Party in Chernobyl" and "Freedom for Lithuania". In Odessa a pro-Rukh parade to coincide with the official celebrations was broken up by police.

Unrest grows in Albania

From Dessa Trevisan
Belgrade

ALBANIA'S leader, Mr Ramiz Alia, reformists and diehard Albanian communists seem close to a showdown, with reports of fresh unrest reaching here from several towns. The political battle has now been moved to the streets, with Mr Alia's supporters clearly relying on popular support to help push through change.

Unrest was reported in Vlore, Korce and Elbassan, where demonstrators called for the toppling of Mrs Nexhmije Hoxha, the widow of Albania's deceased strongman, who has been the power behind the throne and a leading hardliner.

In Vlore, on the Adriatic, a skirmish between football fans erupted into a political demonstration against the secret police. In Durres, demonstrators demanded the sacking of the local party leader. In all the demonstrations the crowds were shouting "long live Ramiz Alia, down with Nexhmije", suggesting that the two personalities symbolize the two opposing currents and indicating that Mr Alia's more recent reformist promises are gaining the upper hand.

Politika, the Yugoslav daily newspaper published in Belgrade, claimed that special riot police were recently deployed in Shkoder, the northern Albanian town with a large Roman Catholic population which was the scene of recent demonstrations by students demanding democratization.

Mr Alia has so far carefully avoided any direct confrontation with the hardliners, but a speech he delivered last month, in which he offered to restore diplomatic relations with both the Soviet Union and the United States, marked a watershed, suggesting that his reformist wing now believes itself to be strong enough to move into a battle against the still powerful communist old guard.

Mormons rewrite their ritual

Salt Lake City — In a rare revision of Mormon ritual, the church has dropped wording that required women to pledge to obey their husbands and portrayed the clergy of other religions as agents of Satan.

Women must now vow to obey God rather than their husbands in the "endowment" ceremony, a ritual the church teaches is necessary to enable members to be with God after death.

The revised ritual took effect last month in ceremonies performed in the 43 temples.

Bodies claimed

Panama City — Seven Panamanians killed during December's US military invasion and buried in a common grave have been identified by relatives. *(AP)*

Cubans proudly diplay their socialist colours amid a carnival atmosphere

By Our Foreign Staff

IN Cuba, three million workers, ignoring a popular swing against communism in Eastern Europe, celebrated May Day across the country with mass marches billed by the Government as a show of support for President Castro and his socialist system.

In contrast to more subdued parades in East European countries that have moved away from communism, Cuba's well-organized celebration of Workers' Day was the most spectacular in the western hemisphere and among the biggest in the world.

President Castro, wearing his familiar olive-green uniform and cap, watched through binoculars from a reviewing stand as more than half a million workers, soldiers and youngsters carrying flags and banners marched through Havana's Revolution Square to the sound of revolutionary songs blared from dozens of loudspeakers.

A group of 10,000 young Cubans, including gymnasts and karate fighters robed in white, injected a carnival-like atmosphere to the Havana march, cheering and waving to the Cuban leader. Similar parades were held across the island and Cuban workers' leaders said nearly a third of the island's more than 10 million people were involved.

President Castro has firmly rejected the Western-leaning economic and political reforms embraced by former communist allies in Eastern Europe and has insisted Cuba will never abandon socialism or return to capitalism.

"Socialism or Death" and "Viva Fidel" were the most common messages displayed in the sea of banners and red and black flags that fluttered above the marchers in Havana.

In a brief address to the huge crowd in the capital, Señor Pedro Ross, head of the Cuban Workers' Union, called on Cuban workers to unite against external pressure on Cuba to abandon socialism.

"Faced with the complex panorama of today's world, Cuba's example takes on a special significance. We have faith in the workers of the world," Señor Ross said.

In Ethiopia, President Mengistu admitted civil war setbacks in a May Day speech and lamented that popular support for his Government's cause was sagging. "The mood of the people is no longer as militant as it once was and the enemies of the country are cashing in on this situation in their bid to break up the country," he told a rally in Addis Ababa.

"In this struggle, victories and setbacks, ups and downs, are common occurrences... It is unbecoming for a great people struggling to build a great country to be adulatory in times of victory and then be depressed in times of difficulty," he said. He warned that "an irreversible historic catastrophe is bound to occur if the time for struggle and sacrifices... is allowed to slip by due to inaction."

Police in Turkey arrested more than 1,000 people in Istanbul in violent May Day demonstrations in which at least two people were shot and wounded. Six policemen were injured in clashes, one seriously, police added.

There was no confirmation whether either of the victims was hit by police fire. Some Turkish newspapers said more than 30 people were wounded. The demonstrations were held despite a Government ban on May Day rallies after one person was killed and 36 were wounded in May Day clashes last year.

Opponents of the interim Government in Bucharest planned nationwide demonstrations as Romanians celebrated their first May Day in 40 years without organized Communist rallies.

Meanwhile, the non-stop protest against President Iliescu entered its tenth day, and 21 of the anti-Government protesters said they had stopped eating to support demands that he resign.

In Buenos Aires, President Menem injected the Falklands issue into his May Day state of the nation address to Congress, describing the recovery of the islands as the top priority of his Government's foreign policy. However, he also hedged by highlighting the restoration of diplomatic relations with Britain as one of his main aims.

Alongside the traditional May Day trade union marches in Paris — which drew several thousand people — M Jean-Marie Le Pen has for the last few years carved out his own niche by organizing his mammoth National Front march.

His extreme right-wing followers, ranging from the French equivalent of Sloane Rangers, through old soldiers to skinheads do not, of course, march for workers' rights, but for a vision of France for the French.

In glorious sunshine he strode like the president of France he would dearly like to be.

As every year, the march, estimated by police to be around 10,000 people strong, ended at Joan of Arc's statue opposite the Louvre where stirring speeches against socialism as the ruin of France were delivered.

There were also protests at Government plans to introduced new anti-racist legislation to protect people not originally of French origin from increasingly common verbal and physical attacks, which the Front says is an attack on freedom of expression.

Poland's far right turns on Jews and Germans

Mr Michnik: Tolerance and love for communists

From Roger Boyes
Warsaw

SEVERAL hundred Poles shouting "Get the Jew baiters", some of them waving black anarchist banners, charged and besieged an anti-socialist congress convened yesterday by seven extreme nationalist parties. A phalanx of skinheads, engaged by the nationalists, flung percussion grenades and then retreated to a courtyard inside the towering Stalinist Palace of Culture where the congress was being held.

The congress, organized by Mr Janusz Korwin-Mikke of the Union for Realpolitik, was intended as a snub to communists and socialists who have traditionally celebrated May Day as a worker's holiday. The seven parties are on the extreme right and share a belief in the free market, nationalist traditions and strict Catholic values. As discussion in the congress showed, many also hold anti-Semitic and anti-German views.

The congress bookstalls sold the anti-Semitic forgery, *Protocols of Zion*, and piles of pamphlets outlining a conspiracy between Jews and communists. With local council elections due later this month, and parliamentary elections next spring, the extreme right is trying to work out a common platform with the centre-right. So far they have only common enemies.

There was certainly fierce criticism yesterday of important figures in the Solidarity leadership. Mr Jacek Kwiecinski, a 47-year-old journalist from the Liberal-Democracy (Independence) Party, lashed into Mr Adam Michnik, the Solidarity dissident, who is on the Liberal left. "They say that right-wingers are intolerant. But is Michnik a personification of tolerance and love? Yes, he is — but only towards communists."

The left-wingers in Solidarity, argued Mr Kwiecinski, needed to keep communism alive so that they could portray themselves as being in the centre of the political spectrum.

In the corridors, the skinheads recruited for the occasion were impatient for action. A first whiff came at the beginning of the congress when barely 100 radicals taunted the queue of delegates, a blend of the old who remembered the pre-war nationalist parties, and a dandified young, in short hair and bow ties. "May Day is our holiday," jeered the protesters, until they were shooed away by the skinheads. When the real charges began later in the day, the skinhead bodyguards in made-in-Poland, heavy-duty boots, fought hard. "Remember King Jan Sobieski's tactics," their paunchy commander told them. "Don't attack now; be patient; wait until the snow falls."

"But there ain't no snow, it's really warm," said one of the skinheads, with perfect accuracy.

The rally of the communists — or rather Social Democrats, under the party's new nomenclature — was an exercise in nostaglia, a very faint echo of the red-flagged parades that used to clog the streets of Warsaw. A crowd of about 5,000, many of them veterans, survivors of the past 45 years of ideological battles and retreats, gathered. The first idea was to march to the Citadel, where 19th-century Polish socialists were executed by tsarist firing squads. But this was a three-mile march, too far for the reformed communists, so they settled for a shuffling funereal cortège through the centre of Warsaw. Exhausted, they listened to Mr Leszek Miller, the 42-year-old party general secretary, as he declared: "They can take away our money, our property, our jobs — but not our dignity, nor our willingness to serve our country."

"Have courage comrades," shouted a lone voice from the already thinning crowd. A band struck up the *Internationale*, so everybody left to buy ice cream.

Iran and Syria seek dividends in hostage release

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Editor

THE release of two American hostages in nine days has again demonstrated that the keys to the underground prisons of Beirut lie in Tehran and Damascus.

The two countries, united by fear and hatred of Iraq, are under strong economic pressure to end the feuds with the West that have stunted their growth. The Iranian leadership, less secure than that of Syria, has had to move cautiously against fierce objections from anti-Western hardliners, who believe that the spirit of the 1979 revolution is being undermined.

President Rafsanjani, a pragmatist rather than a moderate, has been opposed at every move by hardliners led by Hojatoleslam Ali Akbar Mohtashemi, the former Interior Minister.

The new pragmatism of President Assad of Syria stems from the signals from Moscow that Damascus can no longer count on its generosity. Huge cheap loans and vast military supplies from the Soviet Union allowed him to be the maverick of the Middle East, and a thorn in the side of the moderate leaders of Egypt, Morocco and Jordan.

Since Moscow began cutting back, President Assad has mended his fences with all three countries, culminating in the restoration of diplomatic links with Cairo in January. Given that Syria had worked hardest to undermine the Camp David Middle East peace treaty of 1979, President Assad could not hope for a better relationship with the United States without patching up his differences with President Mubarak.

Washington, for its part, had strong diplomatic reasons for wanting better ties with President Assad. It has been able to use the link between Damascus and Tehran as a channel for US-Iran contacts without risking serious criticism in the American media.

Relations between Washington and Syria recovered fairly quickly from the setback caused by the involvement of Syrian intelligence officers in an attempt by Nezar Hindawi to smuggle a bomb on to an El Al plane at Heathrow. Britain broke relations over the affair in 1986, and has spurned all overtures since then. It persuaded the United States and the European Community to ban high-level visits to Damascus, but this proved to be a short-lived diplomatic slap on the wrist.

The US-Syrian relationship was back in business by June 1987, with the grudging but public approval of the British Government. It has proved vital in President Bush's efforts to obtain the release of the hostages without negotiating openly with Tehran.

President Bush has thanked both countries for their role, and seems likely to show his pleasure in a tangible form. President Assad will not seriously expect US aid, but he probably assumes that warmer ties will produce trade and diplomatic advantages.

Iran is in a more complicated position. President Rafsanjani will be under pressure to show a dividend for his efforts. Neither the hardliners in Tehran nor the hostage-takers in Lebanon will be easily satisfied.

They might settle for faster progress on the release of the remaining Iranian funds frozen in US banks by President Carter, or for American pressure on Israel in securing the release of imprisoned Palestinians and Lebanese Shia Muslims. Iranian negotiators have made less realistic demands at face-to-face meetings, however. They expect their Western counterparts to haggle, as if at a bazaar.

President Rafsanjani has been working towards this moment for at least 18 months, first as Speaker of the Iranian Parliament and, since last August, as President. It is thought he made up his mind some time in 1988, before the Iran-Iraq ceasefire on August 30, that the Iranian economy could not recover without more trade with the West.

He was pragmatic enough to realize that the hostages, far from being a card to be played, were a liability. But releasing them would be difficult, because it was Iran that created the conditions for them to be kidnapped.

It was Iran's wish to spread its revolution to Lebanon that led to the creation of the terrorist groups. They sprang from efforts by the Iranian movement Hezbollah, the "Party of God", to politicize Lebanon's 1.2 million Shia Muslims. The effect was to create a body of extreme hardliners.

Britain, the former colonial power, was seen as "the little devil", an object of special hatred. However, President Rafsanjani has made a series of overtures towards Britain, each of which was undermined by the militants.

Britain and Iran had had plans to restore full diplomatic relations in February, 1989, but it was then that Ayatollah Khomeini announced his *"fatwa"* against Salman Rushdie.

The last overture President Rafsanjani made was just after his election to the presidency, when he said he was prepared to use his influence with the hostage-takers. He was promptly attacked by Hojatoleslam Mohtashemi.

This bodes ill for the British hostages. It is generally accepted that they are most likely to be released as a result of the resumption of normal relations. However, the Government is unwilling to hold talks until Tehran makes what it calls "a gesture", which amounts to demanding preconditions. Its caution is understandable, but without more flexibility the British hostages could be the last to see the daylight.

Tehran split over talks with West

From Juan Carlos Gumucio, west Beirut

THE release of the two US hostages in recent weeks is intensifying the political battle in Iran over the issue of improving relations with the West. The course of events in Tehran in the coming weeks will be crucial for the fate of the remaining hostages, and perhaps even for President Rafsanjani's own political fortunes.

Yesterday he was trying to defuse a crisis provoked by suggestions that he is inclined towards direct talks with the US within the atmosphere of *détente* created by the release of Professor Robert Polhill and Mr Frank Reed.

Mr Masih Mohajeri, the President's adviser on social affairs, was instructed to declare publicly that this view – exposed by Hojatoleslam Mohajerani, the Vice-President, in a newspaper article last week – does not reflect official policy. President Rafsanjani's move to distance himself from Hojatoleslam Mohajerani is a revealing indication that the Iranian leader is feeling vulnerable to hardline criticism.

Tehran's militant establishment, led by Mr Ali Akbar Mohtashemi, regards any attempt to promote dialogue with the US as tantamount to treason to Ayatollah Khomeini's revolutionary legacy.

It was no surprise, therefore, that only hours after Hojatoleslam Mohajerani's article appeared, militant students held a rally at Tehran University to condemn "simple-minded people". Mr Mohtashemi accused the Government of "begging for mercy from the Great Satan" and of preparing the burial of the Islamic revolution.

Tasting freedom: A jubilant Mr Frank Reed, top, arriving in Frankfurt yesterday, and Mr Robert Pohill and his wife meeting President Bush at the White House

Reed seeks confirmation of his return to real life

From Ian Murray, Bonn

BLINKING in the strong spring sunshine, Mr Frank Reed flew into the United States Air Force Rhein-Main base at Frankfurt yesterday morning, the second American hostage from Beirut in just over a week to take the same route through Damascus to freedom.

At the base, when he emerged on the steps of the C141 Starlifter which had brought him from Damascus, he was given a VIP welcome. Saluted by an honour guard of American airmen, he walked along a red carpet to be greeted by Mr Alexander Rattray, the American Consul General in Frankfurt. On the way he gave a victory sign and blew a kiss to the cheering, clapping airmen. Suddenly he stopped and touched the ground as though wanting to be sure that it was all real.

After being blindfolded for much of the 43 months he spent in captivity, he seemed not quite sure of where to put his feet, and seemed not so fit as Professor Robert Polhill, who was released a week earlier and had been hooded only briefly during his time as a prisoner. A medical report issued after Mr Reed's arrival at the Lindsey Air Force Hospital in Wiesbaden said he was tired and weak after his ordeal. "He has lost significant weight and muscle mass from a lack of exercise and a marginal diet," it said. He otherwise felt well.

Mr Reed's Syrian-born wife Fahima ("Fifi") and their son Tarek, aged nine, flew in from Boston. They were able to join him in his hospital suite, where he chatted to staff and Washington officials about his ordeal. He was hungry and ordered beer and a medium-rare steak for lunch.

During the next few days, while medical tests continue, he is expected to undergo a preliminary debriefing by State Department experts seeking clues which will help to win the release of other hostages held in Lebanon. Because he spent so long blindfolded, however, Mr Reed is not expected to be able to give as much information as Professor Polhill, who has been able to confirm that he was for at least some of the time held with other hostages.

Mr Reed, too, may not have been on his own throughout his captivity. He said at a news conference before leaving Damascus that "we were given fresh clothes ... books to read and occasional TV." which suggests that he was not alone.

Mr Reed said that he turned down the offer to watch television "because I didn't want to be entertained when I had lost my freedom". Psychiatrists studying his case regard this type of firmness as a crucial factor in keeping mentally balanced during prolonged confinement and uncertainty.

In public statements since his release, Mr Reed has been diplomatically careful to thank the Syrians for their part in winning his release and to exonerate the Lebanese people from any blame for his captivity. This is in contrast to Professor Polhill, who said it was anger about his captors which kept him sane during his captivity.

● THE HAGUE: American and Iranian officials met here yesterday for talks on financial disputes arising from the 1979 revolution in Iran and Tehran's 444-day detention of US hostages. Mr Abraham Sofaer, the US State Department legal adviser, flew to The Netherlands for talks with Mr Goudarz Eftekhar, his Iranian counterpart, over cases before the Iran-US Claims Tribunal, the American Embassy said. The tribunal, set up in 1981 under an accord which freed 52 US hostages in Tehran, seeks to settle financial claims made by both countries. Yesterday's was the eighth in a series of talks which began last summer. *(Reuter)*

US records big fall in deaths from terrorism

From Martin Fletcher, Washington

THE level of international terrorism dropped by 38 per cent last year, from 856 incidents in 1988 to 528, according to the State Department's latest annual report.

The number of victims worldwide fell from 638 killed and 1,125 wounded to 390 killed and 397 wounded. The only terrorist "spectacular" last year was the bombing of a French commercial airliner over Niger last September, which accounted for 171 deaths.

The report, Patterns of Global Terrorism: 1989, attributed the "major decrease" in terrorism to infighting within the Abu Nidal organization, the renunciation of violence by Mr Yassir Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organization, the end of the Afghan Government's terrorist campaign in Pakistan, the reluctance of states such as Libya and Syria to be found sponsoring terrorists, and improved counter-terrorist measures.

Terrorist "spectaculars" like aircraft bombings and hijackings "may be becoming more rare" as terrorists find them harder to carry out and fail to achieve their goals, the report said.

However, it cautions that the level of terrorism could well increase again, because of increasing rivalries in the Middle East, the continuing threat posed by Basque and Northern Ireland terrorists, the desire of terrorists in the Philippines to see the US withdraw, and the danger from diehard supporters of General Manuel Noriega in Panama.

"We cannot become complacent. Terrorism is an ongoing threat, and we must continue to oppose it vigorously," said Mr Morris Busby, US co-ordinator for counter-terrorism, in his foreword.

Although the report was released on the day that President Bush publicly thanked both Syria and Iran for their roles in the release of US hostage Mr Frank Reed, it lists both countries among six nations accused of sponsoring terrorism.

The other four are Cuba, South Yemen, Libya and North Korea. Their inclusion subjects them to US trade restrictions.

Iranian-sponsored terrorism incidents dropped from 32 to 28 but Iran remained the worst offender, its "extensive" support for terrorism continuing despite the death of Ayatollah Khomeini last June. A number of the incidents were caused by Khomeini's call for the death of Salman Rushdie, the British author of *The Satanic Verses*.

Criticism of Syria, which is seeking improved relations with the US, was muted, but the report accused it of providing sanctuary for a wide variety of international terrorist groups including the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, the organization accused of the bombing of a Pan Am airliner over Lockerbie.

US concern had been repeatedly expressed to Syria, which had made some effort to improve its record. "To date the US Government is not satisfied with the Syrian Government's responses," the report said.

In all, there were international terrorist incidents in 60 countries against the citizens or property of 74 nations. Middle Eastern terrorism accounted for 45 per cent of the 528 incidents, with Latin America accounting for 131, or a quarter of the attacks, and Western Europe for 96 attacks. There were only four international terrorist attacks in North America, but there were 165 attacks against US interests abroad, more than any other country.

International terrorist incidents in the UK rose to 10 from four in 1988, with attacks on bookshops selling *The Satanic Verses* accounting for the increase.

Twenty-three Iranians were arrested and deported during the year, and one blew himself up while priming a bomb. British interests were also attacked in Pakistan, Turkey, Egypt, Peru, West Germany, Iraq and Lebanon.

"The UK was a leader in international efforts to combat terrorism in 1989," the report noted.

Jerusalem priests clash with police

From Richard Owen, Jerusalem

AS THE majority of the 150 militant Jewish settlers occupying a disputed hostel in the Christian quarter of the Old City evacuated the building yesterday, angry Greek Orthodox priests in their distinctive black hats and surplices jostled with police and settlers in a vain attempt to enter the hostel and check its condition. By midday yesterday, 130 of the settlers who moved into the hostel just before Easter had discreetly melted away.

But 20 remained behind, as authorized by last week's Supreme Court decision, as agents of the Panama-based company which claims to have bought the lease on the hostel, known as St John's Hospice. The hostel is owned by the Greek Orthodox Church. "We just came to see if those who should have left have done so," one priest said, clearly distraught. "But even the police will not give us permission."

The dispute over the lease has still to be settled by the Israeli courts. The Christian community in the Old City, however, strongly suspects that those settlers who have gone fully intend to return.

Mr Shmuel Eviatar, a spokesmen for the settlers' group, said: "The honour of the court, and our desire to fulfil not only the letter but also the spirit of the law, have led us to retain only 20 tenants in the building holding the keys." But he added that the mysterious Panamanian front company had the cash to buy other buildings in the Old City in which Jews could settle.

The US State Department and American Jewish groups were angered and dismayed last week that the Israeli Government led by Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the transition Prime Minister, had made available $1.8 million (£1.1 million) in official funds to enable the settlers to move in. Their action was the first attempt by Jews to move into the Christian Quarter since Israel captured the Old City from the Jordanians in 1967.

Soldiers pull out of Tibet

Peking – Chinese troops began withdrawing from the the Tibetan capital of Lhasa yesterday as martial law was lifted nearly 14 months after pro-independence protests gripped the city.

Mr Hu Jintao, the Communist Party secretary in Tibet, reviewing the troops in front of the Buddhist shrine of Jokhang Temple, praised them for "their great contribution to stabilizing the situation in Lhasa". *(Reuter)*

Miners captured

Quito – Armed men in Colombian military uniforms kidnapped Mr Scott Heyndal, an American miner, and Señor Edwin Rodrigo Teneda, an Ecuadorean, after attacking their expedition. *(AFP)*

Attack backfires

Manila – Two Philippines communist guerrillas died when the hand grenade they threw, at a group of soldiers refuelling their vehicle in Bulacan province, hit a wall and bounced back at them. *(Reuter)*

Viking find

Copenhagen – Danish archaeologists are working to excavate a 1,000-year-old Viking graveyard before a motorway obliterates it near Kindertofte on Zealand island. *(Reuter)*

Jet crash

Goose Bay, Newfoundland – Two crewmen escaped injury when their RAF Tornado crashed near a Canadian base here during a training flight. *(Reuter)*

Beggars killed

Chittagong – Thirty-four beggars died and at least 100 were injured in a stampede for traditional gifts of clothing and money from city businessmen. *(Reuter)*

Optimism as talks open in South Africa

From Gavin Bell, Cape Town

THE hopes and fears of South Africa's disparate communities will be laid on the negotiating table today when the Government and the African National Congress begin formal peace talks in the historic setting of a 17th century Cape Dutch estate.

After generations of hostility, the occasion is being compared by the local media with the first meeting between President Sadat of Egypt and Mr Menachem Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, and in South African terms the analogy is less extravagant than it might seem. In effect, the gathering of the erstwhile enemies presages the end of apartheid and its eventual replacement by a power-sharing arrangement with the black majority.

Both sides have given warnings against unrealistic expectations from the first round of discussions, which will deal only with perceived obstacles to broader negotiations on constitutional reforms.

The ANC's principal demands are for the state of emergency to be lifted, all political prisoners to be released, and political trials to be halted, while the Government insists the ANC must abandon its armed struggle. None of the issues is regarded as insoluble, despite strident voices on the radical fringes of both constituencies, and a mood of cautious optimism prevails.

Dr Gerrit Viljoen, the Government's chief negotiator, accepts the need to rescind emergency security laws and review political detentions. "But we also have a responsibility to the public to ensure that when we lift certain restrictions, there is a reasonable certainty that law and order will be maintained."

Mr Patrick Lekota, the spokesman for the ANC delegation, said yesterday it was approaching the scheduled three days of talks with enthusiasm. He added: "We are determined to remove the obstacles which are hampering negotiations. We consider ourselves obligated to the whole country to make the maximum effort to find a common ground and eliminate tensions between black and white people."

He said the ANC was indebted to the majority of whites who had supported the Government in opening negotiations, as well as to the international community for its support. "We will do everything in our power to make a success of the present exercise."

Mr Lekota added that ANC morale was high, despite persistent criticism of its stance by the more militant Pan-Africanist Congress and Azanian People's Organization. "This criticism is not well founded. We are only engaging in talks about talks, to create a climate for negotiations in which everyone can participate."

Optimism is fuelled by the mutual respect which has developed between President de Klerk, who is leading the government team, and Mr Nelson Mandela, the ANC deputy president. In key supporting roles, the keen intellect of Dr Viljoen is matched by the astuteness of Mr Thabo Mbeki, the urbane ANC director of international relations.

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The new American dream: getting rich quick giving advice on how to go broke

From Charles Bremner, New York

THESE are disorientating times for younger Americans. After a childhood of suburban ease and coming of age in the years of endless promise, they are now struggling to adjust to a life of contracting limits not suffered by their parents.

Many millions born in the 1950s and 1960s have woken up to find they cannot afford the cars and houses and comforts that they believed were theirs for life. Their hardship can be glimpsed in the countless magazine articles with tips on getting by without the second car, and facing up to the fact that, with a shrinking population, you must discard for ever the notion that owning a house is a guaranteed source of income.

Across the country, Debtors Anonymous, a self-help society for compulsive overspenders, is opening chapters in even the smallest of towns. In New York, the subways and bus shelters are full of advertisements for firms offering to help save you from financial disaster – for a hefty fee. Now, with the housing market contracting, salaries falling behind inflation, and heavy unemployment in once high-paying reaches of the financial world, the wolf is looming through the smoked-glass door even for many hard-working, Dinkie (dual income no kids) couples.

Over recent months two trends have appeared to confirm the anxiety and worry of the authorities; a fashion for declaring bankruptcy and a boom in "get rich quick" advice. With so many respected corporations "seeking protection" as the euphemism puts it, the personal step seems mild, especially when even those disgraced in the courts seem able to work the laws to their advantage.

That was the message from the downfall of Mr Michael Milken, the "junk bond genius" who agreed to pay a $600 million (£366 million) fine last week. It turned out that he will be able to save a substantial part of his fortune by deducting $400 million out of the fine against his income taxes, because it represents "restitution" to victims.

Last year nearly 700,000 citizens filed personal bankruptcy petitions, 12 per cent more than the previous year, and the figure is expected to leap much higher in 1990. Among the better known names were Morton Downey, Jr, a television talk-show host, and Francis Ford Coppola, the film director. The charm of personal bankrupcty is that you are often allowed to keep considerable assets while wiping clean the slate. Angry creditors can no longer harass a debtor and the bailiffs may no longer evict you.

In some states such as Florida, an indigent may keep a house and up to 160 acres – a situation that causes many impending "deadbeats" to make a quick flit to the Sunshine State. Such was the action of Mr Bowie Kuhn, the former commissioner of baseball, when his New Jersey law firm went under last year.

Mr Milken: Getting some Treasury aid with his fine

In Texas, they do even better. One property developer recently convinced a court that his Houston office tower, complete with penthouse and swimming pool, was his personal "homestead". The Texas legislature recently debated, but then rejected, a provision to prevent creditors from taking a debtor's private jet.

It is not surprising that a leading authority for impecunious Americans is the Texas-based bankruptcy newsletter called *Fresh Start*. Further advice is now on offer in "How to File for Bankruptcy", a breezy do-it-yourself guide by three lawyers. With money shrinking yet so much of the stuff so visible, millions are being made by entrepreneurs convincing citizens that if Mr Donald Trump can do it, so can they – overnight.

But, after all the gloomy news, anguished young Americans found cause for hope this week. Two influential magazines pronounced that salvation was fast on the way for the Baby Boom generation from a very old-fashioned source – inheritance. "Baby-boomers will hit an $8 trillion inheritance jackpot, a staggering transfer of wealth that will change the nation," said *US News and World Report*.

In its study, *Fortune* magazine said the result would "be a social watershed: the biggest inter-generational transfer of wealth in US history". "Parents must weigh the risk of arousing a child's greed against the benefit of having him prepared – emotionally and financially – to handle an estate," the magazine warned.

The prospect of all these money-laden heirs once again cruising the markets for BMW's – or their Japanese replacements – already has the farther-sighted marketeers of Madison Avenue hard at work.

The question now is to come up with products that will appeal to the new-rich middle-aged survivors of Woodstock.

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Cracks show in the wall of Spanish socialism

From Harry Debelius, Madrid

SEÑORA Carmen Romero de González, a socialist MP from Cadiz, was applauded from the sidelines as she marched in the May Day demonstration staged here yesterday by Spain's two principal trade union organizations.

The applause was not for her husband, Señor Felipe González, the Prime Minister. It was for her, precisely because she chose to identify herself with the left-wing opposition to the Socialist Government.

The presence of Señora Romero de González was symptomatic of the cracks that have developed in the formerly solid wall of Spanish socialism as the Government slogs through its third term of office, having failed last October, for the first time since 1982, to win an absolute majority in Parliament. The cracks have spread upward to the very cupola of power.

She stood close to Señor Nicolás Redondo, the General Labour Union's secretary general, at the end of the march when he addressed the gathering, saying that the Government "is more like a right-wing government than a socialist one". Among their fellow marchers were wives of paramilitary Civil Guard policemen, demanding their husbands' right to form a trade union. Several of the men have been imprisoned because the Government refuses to recognize that right.

It was the second successive year that the socialist General Labour Union marched side by side with the communist Workers' Commissions trade union, in a defiant gesture of independence from the ruling Spanish Socialist Workers' Party (PSOE), which it spawned a century ago.

The May Day march came one day after Señor Ricardo García Damborenea, who was the most outspoken left-wing dissident within the PSOE, registered a new party, Social Democracy, under his own leadership. His decision to leave the Government party and turn his "current of opinion" into a new party was prompted by an order from the PSOE leadership suspending him from all activity within the party for two years.

Señora González: Cheers for supporting opposition

Señor García Damborenea's walkout came less than two months before the regional elections in Andalusia, where the Socialist Party is by far the strongest but is suffering from an internal power struggle.

Only last month the centrist faction, led by Señor Alfonso Guerra, the Deputy Prime Minister, succeeded in imposing its candidate for the Andalusian regional presidency, Señor Manuel Chaves, formerly the Labour Minister, and thus denied support for Señor José Rodríguez de la Borbolla, the incumbent, who is a fellow Socialist

Señor García Damborenea's says his splinter party aims to occupy the space which the Socialist Party has vacated with its shift to the right. However, it is probably too late for Social Democracy to take part in the Andalusian elections, which are scheduled for June 23. The acid test for the new party will come next December, in the Basque regional elections, especially considering that its leader is from that region.

Señor Joaquín Leguina, the Socialist president of the Madrid regional government, has also fallen out of favour with Señor Guerra, who is more powerful within the party than the Secretary General, Señor González himself.

Recalling a Spanish proverb which says: "When you see your neighbour's beard cut off, start soaking your own," Señor Leguina said, following the party's failure to renew its support for the Andalusian regional leader: "I'm soaking my whiskers every day."

Revelations of corruption which have tainted both main parties, the PSOE and the Popular Party, may reduce the big parties' support at the polls in favour of smaller and regional groups. Perhaps the Andalusian elections will give some indication of such a tendency.

One scandal involves a brother of Señor Guerra, who allegedly used a government office to conduct private, not state, business.

Señor González's determined loyalty to Señor Guerra could get the Prime Minister himself into political trouble. There is already muted dissent within the Cabinet about the handling of the Guerra affair.

Firing line: South Korean riot police launching tear gas grenades in a clash with radical students after an anti-government demonstration in Seoul yesterday

Strikers paralyse Korean factories

Ulsan, South Korea

MOST factories in Ulsan, the power base of South Korea's biggest exporter, Hyundai, were paralysed yesterday as workers joined strikes to protest over a police raid on Hyundai's shipyard.

Outside the south-eastern city, however, no large-scale strikes were reported in spite of earlier fears of nationwide walkouts on May Day. Witnesses said workers were blocked by a huge police force that thwarted plans for rallies in the key Masan-Changwon industrial area of the city. Two thousand workers clashed with riot police, they said.

Hyundai Motor Company's 22,000 workers marched peacefully through Ulsan after voting to strike for two more days until next Monday. Wednesday and Saturday are national holidays in South Korea. Seventeen thousand students clashed with riot police firing tear gas in Seoul and other cities in anti-government demonstrations.

Police raided the shipyard at dawn on Saturday to evict several thousand striking workers who were protesting against the arrest of union leaders. The raid ignited fury and led to prolonged street battles. (*Reuter*)

Quayle geared up for serious role in Europe

From Peter Stothard
US Editor, Washington

THE office of the Vice-President is very much grander than that of his boss. There is more gold statuary and exotic carving and more portraits in oil than in the Oval Office of the White House.

Vice-President Dan Quayle himself, however, as all the world now knows, is not very grand. When he speaks, he does not exactly fill a room, as a distinguished diplomat pointed out the other day.

The man who will meet Mrs Thatcher on Sunday on his first official European tour is modest — and with reason, say critics. He is no joke, according to a *Time* magazine cover last month proclaiming another "probing look" into the man who would be America's first citizen should anything happen to Mr Bush.

In an interview with British correspondents, Mr Quayle expressed his dislike of the *Time* piece, except for a phrase describing him as "a late bloomer". "That's true," he said, "and you can quote that." Sitting on his antique desk, between a life-size toy dog and a spray-painted chunk of the Berlin Wall, he gave the impression of a naturally patient man.

Officially Mr Quayle is visiting London, Paris and Rome to mark the centenary of the birth of Eisenhower, the wartime leader and former President but, although there have been strong hints from the State Department that he should not to be allowed anywhere near the political minefields of Europe, he firmly dismissed the idea that his visit was pure ceremony. It was, he said, a serious part of the allied discussions on the future of Nato.

He has a very engaging confidence. His record may be slight — too slight as yet to bear either the exaggerated criticism or the raves from his journalistic fan club — but Mrs Thatcher will find him an attractive interlocutor. He shares her caution about changing institutions. "Patience is a virtue," he told us, "and being cautious is part of doing the right thing.

"The contribution of Nato is unparalleled in history. We must accommodate changes but there are some things we don't want to change — and peace and deterrence are two of them."

Mr Quayle is also very well briefed. He has had the confidence to assemble around him a team which can compensate to a considerable extent for any academic deficiencies.

According to *Time*, he spent 25 years "blissfully Awol from history". The magazine quotes one of his teachers as saying: "I looked into those blue eyes and I might as well have been looking out of the window."

Now, however, he has the support of conservative heavyweights on his staff who are at least a match for their equivalents in the empire of Mr James Baker, the Secretary of State.

The rivalry between the two camps is still palpable in Washington, despite attempts to paper over the cracks. The Quayle position on Israel is less outspokenly critical than that of Mr Baker and, on the Soviet Union, he is closer to the scepticism of the Pentagon.

There are recurring stories of Mr Baker's desire to keep open the top space on the Republican ticket in 1996 for himself — an ambition which, if it is to be fulfilled, needs the Quayle image to remain, like his golden office picture frames, somewhat tarnished by their past.

Relations between Mrs Thatcher and Mr Baker are now better than they were a year ago, but when the Prime Minister and the Vice-President review US foreign policy this weekend, they may find themselves much enjoying their special conservative slice of the special relationship.

Mr Quayle: "Awol from history" for 25 years

Kennedy scion fails bar exam

From Charles Bremner
New York

BANNER headlines on all three tabloids here yesterday were unanimous: "The Hunk Flunks". For the Big Apple, there was no problem decoding the message — it referred to Mr John F. Kennedy Jr, the only citizen who is as famous for failing exams as he is for his good looks.

Declared by a recent magazine to be "the sexiest man alive", the son of the late President had for the second time failed to gain admission to the New York bar. He will be given one more chance before losing his job as an assistant district attorney in Manhattan. "I'm clearly not a major legal genius," Mr Kennedy, aged 29, said, promising to take the examination again and again "until I'm 95".

The crown prince of the Kennedy dynasty was upstaged by the offspring of another famous family. Miss Madeline Cuomo, daughter of Mr Mario Cuomo, New York's Governor, cruised through the bar examination at her first try. Mr Kennedy's sister, Caroline, passed a couple of years ago.

New York's most eligible bachelor can, however, take comfort from illustrious precedent: his late Uncle Robert, also a former Manhattan district attorney, failed the test on his first try — which did not stop him going on to become a senator and United States Attorney General.

Mr Kennedy received acres of advice from the local media yesterday, including 10 tips from the *New York Post*. Number one was: "Ditch the whole thing, go to the beach and let delicious babes chase you for the rest of your life."

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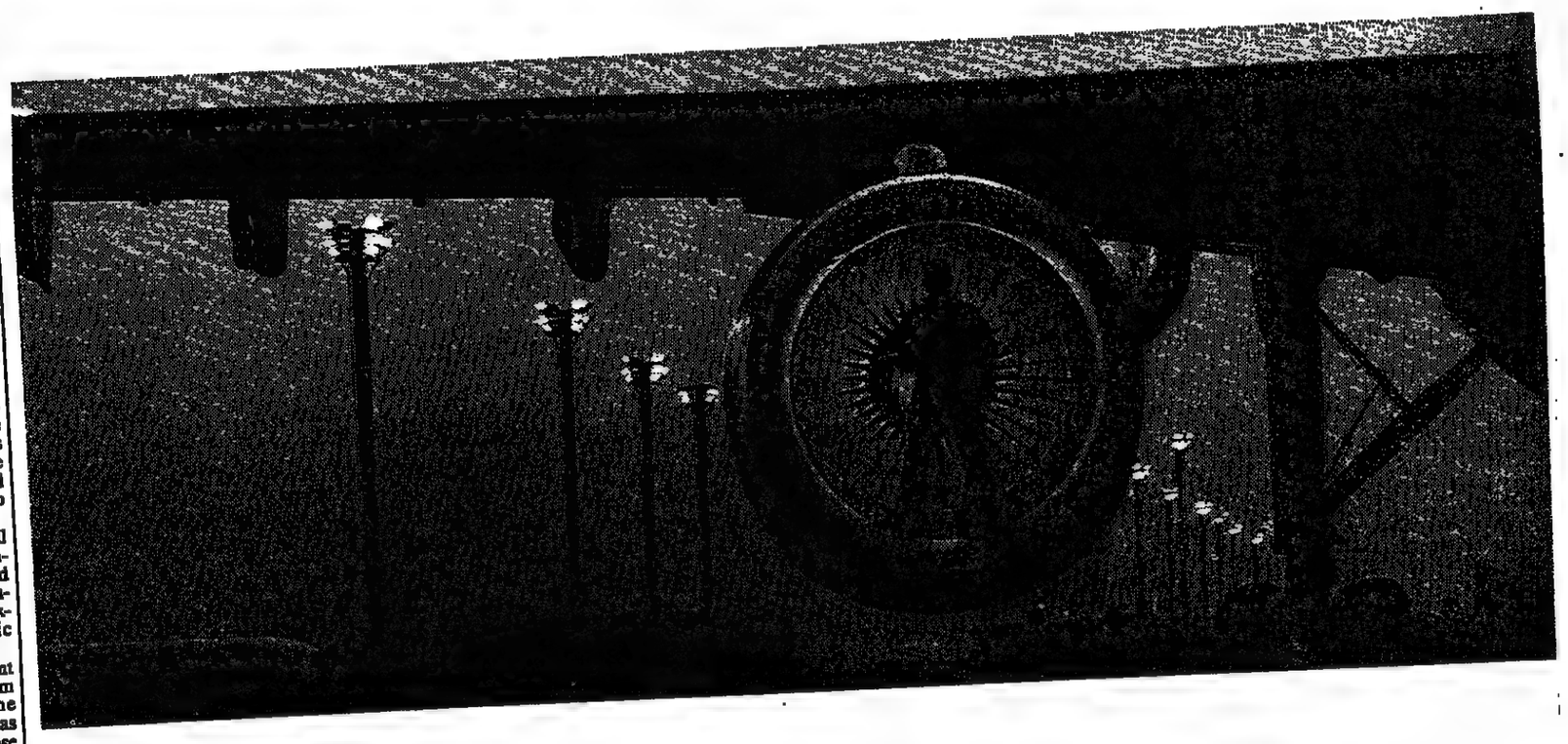

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WE'RE FLYING BETTER THAN EVER

From gesture to realism

Martin Jacques

Cast your mind back just three years, to early 1987. The campaign against the loony left in Labour councils, spearheaded by Norman Tebbit, then chairman of the Conservative Party, was in full swing. The tabloid press was replete with stories of the lurid actions of London Labour councils. Remember the alleged banning of black bin-liners and outlawing of "Baa baa black sheep" on the grounds of racism? The damage to Labour was enormous.

How the mood has changed, even in an area which until so recently was one of Labour's greatest vulnerabilities. There has been only a mild attempt to revive the old chestnut in the campaign for tomorrow's local elections, and it has completely failed. No doubt the main reason is the transformed political mood, but another is that Labour local councils have travelled a long way since the nightmare days leading up to the last general election.

For much of the 1980s, a new kind of leftism prevailed in many Labour councils. Its followers regarded local government as the front line in the fight against Thatcherism. They engaged in a new brand of gesture politics which saw flags flying above town halls and high-profile stances on racism and sexism. But they also came up with some sharp ideas, notably the GLC's cheap fares policy.

However, well before 1987 the show was in trouble. Gesture politics was on the run. Serious splits began to occur, and the campaigns against rate-capping and in defence of services failed to gain public support. The turning point came in 1987. Until Labour's defeat, much of the new politics rested on the idea of a better tomorrow, the Micawber-like belief that something would turn up. Many Labour councils mortgaged themselves to the hilt in expectation of a Labour victory, and when it did not materialize, they found themselves in a horrendous financial situation.

Almost overnight, a new mood began to grip. The politics of *mañana* gave way to the art of survival. Ideology was rapidly junked in the name of pragmatism. The most startling change concerned the private sector. No longer the demon of old, it has come to be seen by many Labour councils as a crucial partner in local regeneration. Such prestige projects as the Olympics in Manchester, the World Student Games in Sheffield and the convention centre in Birmingham spring to mind, but there are hosts of less well-known examples.

The catalyst for this unlikely affair was necessity: spurned by central government and at their wits' end financially, the Labour councils needed someone to turn to. But necessity has opened eyes that were previously closed, and many now see a virtue in the new local consensus.

A parallel example is the new interest in Europe. Not only have Labour councils discovered where Brussels is; some have become experts in its financial possibilities. More than one-third of Birmingham's new convention centre, for example, is being funded by the Community. And like the partnership with the private sector, the EC has the advantage of providing Labour councils with a source of power independent of Mrs Thatcher.

There is also a new emphasis among Labour councils on the importance of delivering good services. Complacency and habit have given way, at least partially, to a growing sense that councils have to meet certain standards. There is now a preoccupation with efficiency and good management. Ironically, this has been encouraged by the introduction of compulsory competitive tendering, which has obliged local authorities to ask questions which previously barely occurred to them, such as the function of a particular service or its efficiency.

Meanwhile, the politics which was emblematic of the previous era has been pushed to the margins. Non-cooperation by Labour councils has wilted. When it came to the poll tax, only Lambeth and Liverpool declined to fix a level, and they soon beat a hasty retreat. The crasser forms of gesture politics are now barely visible, and even equal opportunities and police committees have slipped down the agenda.

Kinnockism has triumphed. The new strategy is about pragmatism and realism. Ideology is out. The new message is that councils should work with everybody and anybody to deliver the goods. That's one theme. The other is the fight for survival. Local government is very hard up, and soon will be more so. Permanent staff are deeply demoralized. In London in particular, there is a serious shortage of candidates for council elections. Like teaching, local government is no place to be in 1990.

The casualty in all this is radical new thinking. It is difficult to innovate in a climate of cuts. And the new realism places a higher premium on sobriety than on imagination. None the less, there are new ideas at the margins. There is a growing belief that the old model of local government as administration is no longer appropriate. There is talk of an enabling model, in which what matters is not that the local authority itself should provide the service, but that it should be available and of good quality. Such thinking will need a lot more exposure if local government is to find a solution not only to Thatcherism but to its own crisis of credibility.

Martin Jacques will be writing a weekly column on this page.

...and moreover

Craig Brown

The publisher of *GQ* magazine was disappointed recently to discover that his readers were liars. Asked in a survey to state which parts of the magazine they read, few admitted to liking fashion features. Undercover investigations revealed the truth to be rather different. In fact they liked fashion features best of all but, being men, were not prepared to admit it to a stranger.

Over the past few years, newspapers and magazines have become increasingly reliant on readership surveys. At the moment, jokes and restaurant reviews, my own specialities, are enjoying something of a boom, but with the green revolution well under way, something tells me that it won't be long before people will be too embarrassed to admit to such frivolities, and I will be forced to change my act to incorporate consumer tests of different rainforest-free mueslis specially written for the new joke-free zones in our national press.

If readers were utterly honest to these surveyors, the print industry would go haywire. My own observations suggest that on trains and buses, up to 98 per cent prefer to read the newspaper bought by the person next to them, *even if it is the very same newspaper that they have already bought.*

Often, one can spot two strangers, each with his eyes surreptitiously fixed on the other's open pages. One of them then makes a sudden shuffling movement or a cough, and immediately both sets of eyes swing back to their own paper. Ten seconds later, slowly but surely, both sets of eyes drift sideways once again. Sports pages, business news, news from Canada — all sections I traditionally shun — take on a curious fascination if observed over someone else's shoulder at a suitably wonky angle.

I have never known a readership survey to unearth such a flaring truth, however, and, even if it had, it would be hard to know how the newspapers should respond. An advertising campaign urging people to buy the newspaper best suited to the person in the seat next to them would, I suspect, be doomed. Surveyors should know that I devote much of my newspaper-reading time to scanning the areas untouched by journalists. I start at Forthcoming Marriages, wondering at the suitability of each attachment and generally concluding, on the strength of names, addresses and parentage, that the man sounds as rum as can be and that the poor woman should call it off as fast as she can.

From there, my eyes trip to Appointments, and I spend a great deal of time wondering whether I might possibly be better off becoming Chief Sales Executive for a Major Pharmaceuticals Firm opening up a new office in the Middle East. Then I am beset by worries about whether the climate would suit me, whether I could manage without alcohol, whether I know anything whatsoever about pharmaceuticals, and so on, usually deciding with no little regret that I am probably better off staying put.

Much of my reading takes place without a printed page in sight. Who can resist the lure of the small-print Conditions for Entry for the competition on the back of the cereal packet? Who has not scanned a street of shiny doorplates? (I can recommend any back street in Vienna for a particularly long and gripping read.) The most casual of glances at art galleries reveals far more people reading the titles of paintings than looking at the paintings themselves.

Ribald slogans on T-shirts; names and positions occupied on the lapels of executives as they wander purposefully in the foyers of hotels; the chillingly severe warnings against subletting to be found in the opening seconds of hired videos; signposts on roads announcing twin towns and encouraging safe drivers; flashing neon weather reports and apologies for inconvenience at major railway stations; grafitti chalked into the dust of passing lorries: the world is there to be read, and most of it was not written by writers.

I only wish that aeroplane skywriting was as popular in real life as it used to be in children's comics. To read a newspaper in the sky, preferably over someone's shoulder, would indeed be very heaven.

Despite the thaw, Michael Evans sees a continuing need for an airborne early-warning system

Old warhorse still pulling its weight

The crash of a Shackleton early-warning aircraft, and the death of its 10-man crew, seems like an accident in a time warp. One of the RAF's oldest planes, it has an airframe that conjures up images of the Second World War and an obsolete radar system which is incapable of differentiating accurately between a civilian plane and a hostile low-flying jet-fighter.

Yet for as long as I can remember, this RAF stalwart has fulfilled a valuable role in Britain's air defence system, providing airborne early warning of potentially hostile intrusions into British air space. It is a role which from March 1991 will be progressively taken over by the US Awacs which the Government decided to buy for the RAF after scrapping the British Nimrod early-warning aircraft programme in December 1986.

But when the Government finally decides how to reshape Britain's armed forces, following its "options for change" review, will there still be a requirement to buy seven Awacs to protect our air space from low-flying Soviet fighters and wave-hopping cruise missiles, now that the threat appears to have receded?

Whatever changes are made in force levels in response to the political developments in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union, the defence of the United Kingdom's air space will remain a fundamental responsibility of the Government. Furthermore, some capabilities must be protected from cuts in the future, including early-warning systems, intelligence-gathering and reconnaissance. These areas will become increasingly important, for they will provide Britain and the Nato alliance with vital information about any changes in Soviet military intentions over the next few years. The Awacs will need to be seen in this context.

Comparisons between the radar operated by an E-3 Sentry Awac and the Shackleton show clearly why the RAF has been anxious for a number of years to resolve the airborne early-warning issue. The Shackleton, using a first-generation radar taken from the old naval Gannets, normally flies up to 200 miles out to sea. The radar has a range of about 100 miles. So if a hostile fighter approached the British coastline at 600 mph, air defence Phantoms would have 30 minutes to mount a counter-attack.

The Government's choice of the American Awac instead of the British Aerospace/GEC Avionics Nimrod AEW was based on technical reasons. The E-3 Sentry meets or exceeds RAF requirements in all significant areas, and is a major advance beyond the Shackleton in terms of technology. It has an effective radar range of about 250 nautical miles and can track 400 targets simultaneously. Nimrod never looked as if it would meet these requirements. Of 20 flights carried out with Nimrod during the Ministry of Defence's evaluation of the system, only three were viewed as providing suitable data.

The Nimrod airborne early-warning (AEW) programme, which began in 1977, cost more than £900 million, and it was thought that a further £660 million was needed to finish the project. The original contract, signed in March 1977, called for Nimrod AEWs to be available for RAF training in May 1982 and for operational service in April 1984. Shackletons continued flying as the AEW issue became a considerable political embarrassment.

But why an airborne system when there are increasingly sophisticated ground-based versions? First, because ground radar stations would be prime targets at the start of a war, and second, because airborne systems provide much longer-range surveillance than most land-based radars, and have the ability to pick up low-flying aircraft and cruise missiles.

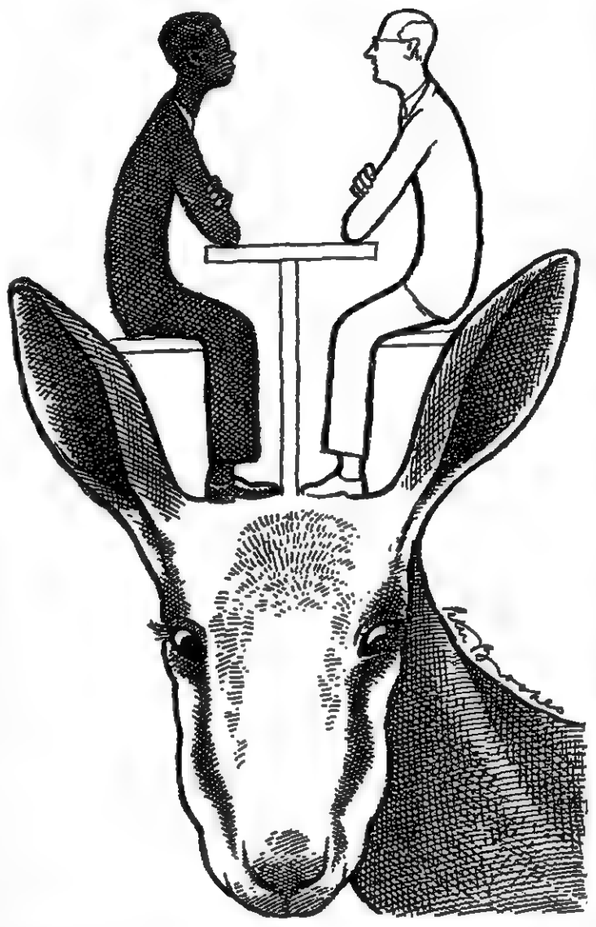
The exception is the new American over-the-horizon "back-scatter" early-warning radar, the first of which, situated in Maine, on the eastern seaboard of the United States, is due to be formally handed over to the US Air Force in a few months' time. The long chain of radar antennae which bounce signals off the ionosphere have been designed to detect and track aircraft and cruise missiles flying at any altitude up to 2,000 miles away. The computers are so advanced that they can distinguish genuine targets from all the clutter the signals pick up.

But the over-the-horizon system has taken 20 years to develop and is still not in service. Also, it cannot pick up anything within a range of about 500 miles, because that is the first "skip" distance of the radar signal.

The over-the-horizon system has been developed to detect targets over the sea, whereas Awacs, operating from about 30,000ft, were built primarily to detect targets over land. To satisfy Britain's domestic and Nato commitments, the UK Awacs have been adapted by Boeing for a maritime role. It is clear that an advanced airborne early-warning capability will be required for as long as there is the remotest possibility of a threat to this country.

Sitting down together but such a distance apart

R.W.Johnson considers the extreme pressure on both sides as the ANC and Pretoria start talking about talks



May 2, 1990, is a date which future generations of South African schoolchildren will learn by heart — the day the ANC finally achieved the talks with the South African government which it had been demanding for the previous 70 years.

They will also study with interest the careful arithmetic of the ANC delegation: seven blacks, two whites, one Indian and one coloured. There is a balance of the movement's diplomatic and military wings and also of the older generation of Nelson Mandela and Walter Sisulu with the rising young stars like Thabo Mbeki. Two members are women.

There are some striking omissions. No room has been found for the most famous of South Africa's troublesome priests, Messrs Tutu, Boesak and Chikane. The United Democratic Front, which led the internal anti-apartheid struggle throughout the 1980s, has minimal representation and, most striking of all, no room has been found for representatives of the Cosatu trade union federation, which has provided the muscle and backbone of black politics.

This may simply mean that the ANC will demand separate representation for Cosatu when full negotiations begin, thus giving itself virtually a second delegation. Others will see in this a sign that the ANC will seek to relegate the unions to a more subordinate position, as Swapo has quickly done in Namibia. It may, however, perhaps be too early to reach such a conclusion — these are just talks about talks, after all.

What the ANC would like out of the talks is a complete government amnesty for all anti-apartheid exiles, guerrillas of Umkhonto we Sizwe, its military wing, and political prisoners. De Klerk has already signalled his willingness to tackle this issue but he will hardly give way quickly. Some of those imprisoned, he will argue, have committed acts so violent or criminal that they cannot be pardoned without undermining the law. But he will have a more general reservation. His recent declaration that the government would not concede majority rule should be read as meaning: "I have made concession after concession and received nothing in return. The white right-wing parties are getting uncomfortably strong — polls suggest they might win if a white election were held now — and I simply cannot afford to make any further concession unless I receive something in return to brandish at the white electorate to show that negotiation is not just another word for a gradual slither to surrender." In particular, de Klerk will argue that a minimal condition for allowing Umkhonto guerrillas to return is for the ANC formally to abandon its commitment to armed struggle.

The ANC will, in turn, find this hard to concede. Thousands of Umkhonto members are sitting in camps in Tanzania still receiving a political education based on the thoughts of Mao. Such men have suffered greatly, live in conditions of great privation, and are quick to accuse the ANC's political leadership of showing insufficient militancy or even of betraying them. To the ears of such men, abandoning the armed struggle could sound dangerously like saying that their sacrifices have been largely in vain and that there is no future role for them.

The ANC cannot risk such an outcome; nor can it afford the prospect of such men being dumped on the tail of the vast black unemployment queue back in South Africa. At the very least they have to come back to jobs — perhaps within the South African Defence Force. But the image of ex-Umkhonto Private Bhengu, as it were, being whipped into shape by a Sergeant Van der Merwe is not much more credible than the notion of Colonel Bhengu taking command over Sgt Van der Merwe. On top of that, the Umkhonto leader, Joe Modise, who is part of the ANC delegation today, is the man accused by Umkhonto dissidents of being responsible for torturing them.

These issues are far too tough and complex for there to be any realistic hope that agreement on them will come out of this initial three-day meeting. All else apart, the ANC can hardly be seen to call off the armed struggle so quickly and easily without risking accusations from the Pan-Africanist Congress of a sell-out. Such accusations would have a certain resonance for many township, youth and Cosatu militants who are prone to claim that "the only thing to negotiate is the seizure of power", who insist, in other words, that negotiations must be exactly the slither to white surrender that the white right-wing parties so greatly fear.

Similar difficulties attend the ANC demand for the lifting of the state of emergency and the removal of troops from the townships. De Klerk is bound to point out that since he lifted the ban on black political activity on February 2, more than 300 blacks have been killed in various forms of civil unrest, of whom fewer than 5 per cent have died as a result of white-on-black violence. De Klerk may well be ready to lift the state of emergency in much of the country but he is bound to cite the situation in Natal as a special case requiring a continuing and strong military presence to avoid further bloodshed.

The ANC's problem is that it has made a military withdrawal a major symbolic demand — one which plays well enough to audiences in Soweto but which has scant appeal in Natal where all observers concur that black opinion is strongly in favour of the troops remaining. Here too, it is difficult to see substantial progress being achieved very quickly.

The danger is that the talks could break down before they really start. The ANC is bound to declare that it is impossible for it to envisage proper negotiations while any of its followers are still languishing in jail, and de Klerk is bound to argue that it is equally impossible to negotiate with an organization which is still committed to an armed struggle. But both Mandela and de Klerk are clearly committed to the negotiation process — and the ANC, having got a bad press for having called off the talks once already, is likely to get most of the blame if they falter now.

The most important point to achieve is, indeed, merely that the talks should go on — perhaps with the formation of a joint government-ANC committee to consider procedures and an agenda. Even this will run into considerable ANC resistance, however: the ANC is bound to worry how the idea of the movement collaborating with the government within some semi-permanent structure is likely to be viewed by radical youths in the townships.

One way out of this is to throw a blanket of secrecy around the talks and the decisions taken. But there have been plenty of secret discussions already and the whole point of today's talks is precisely that they are being conducted before the gaze of the world, and a great weight of expectation lies on all the participants. The talks will be particulary difficult for the ANC, which has in effect no alternative strategy — realistically there can be no return to the armed struggle now.

ANC leaders have long argued that the government would have no alternative but to hold such talks with them in the end. True enough. But now both sides are bound to the other, knowing that if these talks fail there will, unavoidably, just have to be more talks in the future.

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DIARY

No escape, not even in Wales

With the poll tax the hottest issue of the day, it is hardly surprising that David Hunt is increasingly anxious to abandon his job as minister for local government and take up his new post — to which Mrs Thatcher appointed him in her last reshuffle — as Secretary of State for Wales. But with Peter Walker still showing no sign of budging, and the Prime Minister not expected to announce a date for the handover until after tomorrow's local elections, Hunt has not even been able to start clearing his desk at the Environment Department. To add to his tribulations, he returned from a trip up the Thames yesterday with Lady Porter, leader of Westminster City Council, to find that his car had been wheel-clamped. But he had one piece of good fortune. Sixty student nurses planning to lobby him over the poll tax got their ministries in a twist: instead of gathering outside the DoE, it was the Department of Trade and Industry (prop: Nicholas Ridley) that bore the brunt of their fury.

Even when he does move to his new job, Hunt will still be dogged by the poll tax. "It's a burning issue in Wales," says one Whitehall source. "It will take up an enormous amount of time, and he knows it. He can escape only by going to Northern Ireland, which still has rates." Even the poll tax might be preferable to that.

And who might pick up the poll-tax hot potato when Hunt is finally allowed to drop it? The smart money remains on Michael Portillo, and the wildest Westminster rumour suggests that his promotion could clear the way for Edwina Currie's recall.

● *Following Labour's plans to recruit expatriate voters, the Government has now revealed that it is spending £760,000 on advertising the rights of overseas voters. Nearly £11,000 is being spent in South Africa and £23,000 in Spain, two areas where the Tories hope to pick up votes. Eire, which Labour describes as its "secret weapon", has been allocated a publicity budget of £100. And who on earth stands to gain most from the £50 advertising campaign in Tristan da Cunha?*

Premonitions of old

With speculation growing about Mrs Thatcher's future, the Diary confidently predicts that May 10 is the day on which the nation's sandwich boards will proclaim: "Britain has new Prime Minister". Further confirmation will be found on London's underground, where posters will scream: "Germans drive Prime Minister from Downing Street". But Mrs Thatcher is not about to resign over German unity and the changing face of Europe. A third headline, "Churchill was a mole" — a suggestion even more controversial than Clive Ponting's recent claims — gives a clue to the news. May 10 is the 50th anniversary of Winston Churchill's accession to the premiership in 1940, and the advertising agency CPS is attempting to whip up trade for one of Whitehall's premier tourist attractions, the underground Cabinet War Rooms.

Not-so-square mile

The formidable Frances Edmonds, who spent a year observing MPs for the waspish book *Members Only*, is now promising to lift the lid off the City of London. She has been signed up for a no-holds-barred account of life in the Square Mile, but to avoid the attentions of litigious City types who are inclined to shower writs like so much confetti, she insists that the book will be a work of fiction. She does admit, though, that the main characters will be based on real-life personalities. Edmonds, who has just returned from covering the English cricket tour of the West Indies with her husband, former Test player Phil, promises that the mixture of fact and fiction "will raise some eyebrows in the City". To protect the moles supplying her with information, she is guaranteeing total confidentiality.

Chasing rainbows?

That bustling centre of international travel, Luton Airport, much maligned since Lorraine Chase revealed that she had been wafted in not from paradise but from lovely Luton, is considering extending the scope of its VIP facilities. The airport boasts a VIP lounge with room for up to 10 dignitaries, but such travellers are few and far between. The change is part of an attempt to try to ensure the lounge is not idle for most of the week, and will mean that for the first time mere MPs will qualify for the full VIP treatment — which at Heathrow only ministers receive. John Carlisle, MP for Luton North, is leading the campaign to attract more VIPs, and hopes to persuade the Prime Minister to grace the lounge in the near future. Asked about the plans, Luton Airport's publicity officer, Beverley Allen, expressed herself rather proud of the lounge. "It's got carpets and curtains and we had a French diplomat last week. A few months ago we had someone from *Neighbours*, but I'm not sure who."

Swallow and parrot

Providing that a talking green parrot can be found in time, the Swallows and Amazons Society will be launched in June, 60 years after the appearance of Arthur Ransome's children's classic. The ceremony will take place at the Windermere Steamboat Museum at Bowness; present will be the Amazon, the original boat from the stories, and Brigit Saunders, "the ship's baby" from the Altounian family on whom the Swallows were based. Strangely, Ransome's Utopian dream of waterborne childhood is particularly big in Japan. A four-figure contribution to the Amazon restoration fund has been received from the Japanese Ransome appreciation society, which is to send a delegation to the June launch. Only one element is missing. David Carter, chairman of the putative society, is anxious to find a stand-in for Captain Flint's talking green parrot, one of the heroes of the book. Anyone who knows the whereabouts of such a bird — which should have a suitably nautical turn of phrase without being inclined to obscenity — can get in touch with Mr Carter via this column.

● *Three weeks ago, European Rail Link, the consortium of British Rail, Trafalgar House and BICC which is bidding to build the rail-link to the Channel Tunnel, submitted its plans to the Department of Transport. So sensitive are its proposals for the final leg from Swanley across London to King's Cross that maps were submitted on special paper and drawn with special ink that cannot be photocopied.*

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MAY DAY IN MOSCOW

"Christ is risen, Mikhail Sergeyevich!" An Orthodox priest, bearing a cardboard image of the Saviour, paused yesterday before Lenin's mausoleum to beseech the Soviet President and the entire Politburo with these memorable words. Behind him, demonstrators booed the rostrum in a gesture unthinkable just a year ago. Were they all sounding Mr Gorbachov's death knell? Many who watched May Day in Moscow yesterday must have sensed an era drawing to an unlamented end.

True, the loyal communists who were bused into Red Square in time-honoured fashion greatly outnumbered the assortment of Liberal Democrats, Constitutional Democrats, Social Democrats, anarcho-syndicalists and Christians who raised their banners in peaceful protest. To Western observers, the future has, throughout Eastern Europe, seemed to belong to this well-disciplined, brave and dedicated opposition. But in Russia so many things are different. The alternative is not necessarily a courteous handover of power to a new élite. Instead, there always looms the hideous violence and wanton impiety of the last scene of *Boris Godunov*, lifting the curtain on the dark forces for ever threatening to martyr Mother Russia when the hand of authority weakens.

Like Boris, Mikhail Gorbachov is a flawed, even a tragic hero. His rule has certainly been a blessing for most of his fellow Russians, though less so for the other Soviet peoples. His role in the liberation of central Europe last year alone is sufficient to guarantee him an honourable place in the history books.

But Mr Gorbachov also shares with Boris an inability to escape the stigma of his illegitimate claim to the throne. Mr Gorbachov's Bolshevik forerunners were usurpers. They murdered their predecessors, exterminated their rivals, and have held on to power ever since by methods which have far exceeded those of the tsars in arbitrary cruelty and mendacious self-glorification. Mr Gorbachov may have curbed the systematic distortion of his party's record in office, but he may have unleashed forces which are already beyond his control.

Much that was once dogma has been carried away, but one rock still towers above the flood: Vladimir Ilyich Lenin. Debunking of this one Soviet communist patriarch is not tolerated even under Mr Gorbachov. Lenin is still "the greatest thinker of the twentieth century", his claim resting on the "sublime art" of foresight and pragmatic adaptation of Marxist theory to reality. Mr Gorbachov denies that Lenin saw himself as simply the founder of a theoretical system. He sees him, in essence, as an improviser of genius. He knew how to make things happen; his policies worked. This, Mr Gorbachov maintains, legitimizes *perestroika* (a practical, not a theoretical, notion) as an orthodox variant rather than a heresy.

And yet, "Down with the cult of Lenin" said one banner yesterday. The May Day protests suggest that Mr Gorbachov has failed to revive the soul of Soviet society with his minimalist version of what was once a visionary creed. If so, he must know it: why else maintain the greatest apparatus of surveillance in human history if not to receive accurate data about the popular protest? Mr Gorbachov does not live in the cloud-cuckoo land of the Ceausescus, who appear to have been genuinely astonished by their executioners' enthusiasm.

The Soviet Union itself emerged from what was a class war and proclaimed the ideal of communism as a classless society. Mr Gorbachov is clearly turning his back on much of this. "An intellectual of noble birth, Lenin was part of the people," he remarks. Lenin's upper-class background used to be played down, but is no longer a source of shame for Mr Gorbachov — himself a Cossack, once despised as the tsars' most obedient servants. He should accept Mr Vaclav Havel's alternative to the classless ideal, a "civil society".

Mr Gorbachov's Leninism remains imprecise, committed still to a Soviet supremacy over a restless empire, to a planned economy, to internal market pricing which barely deserves the name and which has delivered only shortages, racketeering, crime and misery. He stood on the rostrum yesterday, no longer the beacon of hope for the oppressed peoples of the East, but an increasingly tarnished dictator of one of Leninism's greatest bastions.

Yet May Day should rest with the priest. Mikhail Sergeyevich could at least defy Lenin's banishment of priests to Siberia. He should remove the remaining restrictions on the practice of Christianity and rehabilitate those Christians his creed so sorely oppressed.

LOVE MY DOG

When a new clause to the Environmental Protection Bill was debated in the Commons on Monday advocating a dog registration scheme, the Government imposed a three-line whip to ensure its defeat. The Conservatives no doubt wished to avoid an embarrassing reverse only days before tomorrow's local elections.

It was, for all that, an inept decision. As the debate was in progress, yet another vicious dog attack on a human was recorded. At Dudley, in the West Midlands, a four-year-old girl was set upon by an Alsatian and a Rottweiler. Injuries to her face required 200 stitches. These ever more numerous, and ever fiercer, animals are by far the most dangerous weapons which members of the public are permitted to keep without any sort of control.

Monday's debate could have taken place only in this country, and in a nation reared on tales of Greyfriars Bobby and Thomas Hardy's dog Wessex. Until a year or so ago, the argument would have been mainly about the plight of strays and the fouling of pavements, but the case for increased control has been strengthened by a spate of dog attacks resulting in injury and even death, many the result of a dramatic rise in the breeding of certain species.

Ten years ago, there were few Rottweilers in Britain; today there are an estimated 180,000 of them. Pit bull terriers are bred specifically for fighting. Earlier on the day that the clause was debated, a pit bull terrier attacked three people in their home at Portsmouth, and was driven off only after a neighbour had tried to prise its jaws open with a garden fork.

Dame Janet Fookes did not come to the Commons with a fully articulated scheme. She argued for acceptance of the principle that all dogs should be registered, that responsibility should rest with the local authority and that those who failed to register should be fined. The Government was not persuaded that her proposals would meet the "polluter pays" principle which informed the rest of the Bill — the real problem, they contended, was with irresponsible owners who would be the last to comply with registration.

The battle lines were curiously drawn, inside and outside Parliament. Dame Janet's clause had the support of the Police Federation, the National Farmers' Union, the British Veterinary Association and the RSPCA. The Government's main supporter in opposition to registration has been the Kennel Club, which endorsed the Department of the Environment's view that the scheme would be expensive and difficult to enforce.

Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, the hapless junior minister put up to stonewall on the Government's behalf, did what he could with a brief that allowed him to say that he was looking at the possibility of creating a specific offence of allowing a dog to stray. The Government's wish to make local authorities invoke the long-forgotten Control of Dogs Order of 1930 takes us into A. P. Herbert country, except that it is no longer a laughing matter.

The pressure exerted by the jaws of a Rottweiler is of the order of 400 lbs per square inch. They and other dangerous breeds are increasingly owned by people who, in the RSPCA's phrase, use them as unguided missiles. The Government has unwisely set its face against registration. After this week's horrifying incidents, there should be no further doubt. If there is to be no registration and related penalties, then dogs bred for offensive purposes should immediately be brought within the scope of the Dangerous Animals Act of 1976.

THE HUMAN FACTOR

Nearly one in three pedestrians admit to crossing the road when the lights are against them; one in six fail to look first in each direction. A similar proportion of those who travel by rail open doors and clamber in or out when the train is moving. Nearly half of Britain's drivers speed on motorways.

In 1988, 29 people died falling from moving trains. Five were killed and 761 others injured on entering and alighting at stations. A further 406 were injured opening and closing carriage doors. Of all road deaths involving pedestrians in Britain, nearly half are caused by passengers not looking to right and left when leaving the relative safety of the pavement.

An initial reaction to this basket of statistics, from a survey quoted by the Department of Transport yesterday, is to wonder why they seem so low. Nobody visiting Waterloo Station in the rush hour could fail to observe train doors prematurely opening with the precision of a well-drilled *corps de ballet* as Londoners dive precariously to work. The commuters who dart like swallows across Whitehall ... those motorists in the fast lane on the M4 ... all leave the clear impression of a nation bent like lemmings on self-destruction.

One explanation is that this set of modest figures is based only on those who have confessed to their sins. Only 42 per cent of people questioned agreed, for example, that they "sometimes failed" to read safety cards on aircraft. Only 55 per cent admitted that they never checked the muster points on ferries. Such statistics suggest that far more do indeed offend. The Government is therefore moving in the right direction with its campaign "Safety on the Move", announced by the Transport Secretary, Mr Cecil Parkinson.

An awesome number of these accidents is avoidable. If the Transport Department can persuade more travellers to think the unthinkable it will make some progress towards its declared goal of reducing by one third the shocking number of road deaths (5,000 last year) before the end of this century. There will always be a limit, however, to the results that can be achieved by publicity and educational campaigns.

Britain's overall road accident record compares well with those of other Western European countries. But the numbers involving children are disturbing and have shown a recent (and so far unexplained) increase. These accounted for 13 per cent of all road casualties last year and 7 per cent of all deaths. This alone reinforces the argument for the Government to consider new legislative measures to back up its new publicity campaign.

These should include tighter speed limits on roads, including motorways, with possibly lower limits for motor-cyclists and more severe penalties for those who flout the law. The Government's pusillanimity on random breath tests — part of its general indulgence of alcohol abuse — continues to permit far too much drinking before driving. The wearing of belts in the rear seats of cars should long ago have been made compulsory for adults as well as for children.

There might also be legislation on jaywalking, in city centres if not throughout the country. One in three of all road accidents involve a pedestrian. By no means all of these most vulnerable travellers will heed the advice of a Government campaign. As traffic volumes rise, compulsion must have a part to play. Such measures might be unpopular. So what?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Moral issues on abortion and embryo research

From the Editor of Ethics & Medicine

Sir, The extraordinary decision of the House of Commons to abandon the safeguards provided by the *Infant Life (Preservation) Act* and permit (some) abortion all the way to term (report, April 25) is profoundly disturbing, must surely have been largely unintended, and cannot be allowed to stand.

It represents a major liberalisation of our abortion law in a direction which has never even been debated in Parliament, and which takes us beyond the classic abortion dilemma of the ambiguity of pre-viable foetal life into the deliberate destruction of those who were already considered "capable of being born alive" as long ago as 1929 when the Act was framed. Many people who have no sympathy for the "pro-life" movement will find this deeply disturbing.

For that very reason this entirely unexpected development takes us beyond the area in which it may reasonably be claimed that we are dealing with a matter of private conscience. It is incumbent on the Government to face the public policy questions raised and, at the least, to find a way of testing parliamentary opinion on the central question: do our legislators truly intend the unborn to be destroyed well beyond viability, for any other cause than to save the life of the mother?

The answer may, of course, be "yes"; and — if so — we will have moved from discussion of abortion to that of euthanasia. But *unless* it is "yes" there must be an opportunity, in the cold light of day, to draw back from so momentous a step in the medicine, law and ethics of our nation.

Yours faithfully,
NIGEL M. de S. CAMERON,
Editor,
Ethics & Medicine,
Rutherford House,
17 Claremont Park,
Edinburgh 6.

From Professor Emeritus Philip Rhodes

Sir, Despite the asserted conviction of the Archbishop of Westminster and others (April 23) that "fundamental moral criteria are absolute", there is evidence that this is not always so.

Christians and their churches in their time have objected to Galileo's observations on the heliocentric universe, to human anatomical dissection, to Newtonian physics, to the theory of evolution, to anaesthesia for childbirth, and to transplantation operations. For centuries they supported the death penalty. It took time for contraception by the "safe period" to be accepted. Until the last century it was believed that the soul entered the foetus at the time of "quickening", suggesting that it was not human until this occurred.

On all these subjects Christian moral teachings have changed. And are the fundamental moral criteria absolute for all the other religions of the world too?

Yours sincerely,
PHILIP RHODES,
1 Wakerley Court, Wakerley,
Oakham, Leicestershire.
April 23.

From Ms Alison Davis

Sir, Mary Warnock (article, April 20) posits the existence of some group whose policy "aims to ensure that the numbers of handicapped people, do not diminish". I am aware of no such group.

Certainly this is not the pro-life view, since people who oppose experimentation and research on human embryos must surely support investigations using adult volunteers which aim to prevent disabling conditions from arising at all.

Having been born with spina bifida myself (a condition most doctors now regard as being synonymous with a "miserable life") this is, of course, of great personal relevance to me. Naturally I would prefer not to be disabled, but I certainly cannot thus be presumed to prefer to be dead.

The current fatal discrimination being practised against the unborn handicapped has a direct effect on the status of older people with disabilities. To deny this is, perhaps, analogous to suggesting that apartheid has no relevance to black people unless they happen to live in South Africa.

Unlike Mary Warnock, who seems to think I should be grateful for the development of this fatal eugenic apartheid, I believe it is an affront to the rights and dignity of people with disabilities, and ultimately to us all.

Yours faithfully,
ALISON DAVIS,
35 Stileham Bank,
Milborne St Andrew,
Blandford Forum,
Dorset.

Hereditary peers

From Lady Platt of Writtle, FEng

Sir, Lady Warnock proposes (article, April 20) that one of the advantages of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill might be that noble families could arrange to have a male baby to ensure inheritance. I am very much in favour of the Bill particularly to enable childless couples to have the joy of healthy babies.

May I suggest an easier alternative solution to the inheritance of titles in that it should be possible for women to inherit if there are no sons. Life peers are of necessity older people, and we very much appreciate the contribution to the work of the House of Lords made by younger hereditary male peers.

It would be a great advantage if we also had the benefit of younger female hereditary peers. Already we are fortunate in that a few Scottish peerages are inherited through the female line. May that soon be widely possible in the rest of Britain.

Yours sincerely,
PLATT OF WRITTLE,
House of Lords.
April 23.

World Service policy

From Professor Alan Thompson

Sir, I cannot agree with your view (leading article, April 26) that the BBC World Service's policy of broadcasting to friends and foes alike "suffers from an amount of neo-imperialist waffle".

Government priorities tend to favour broadcasting to "enemies" and I would not deny the importance of this. We should not, however, overlook our friends — including the Americans. American perceptions of the UK and the EC, and the needs of responding collectively to dramatic changes in Europe, are a vital part of the dialogue between allies.

Furthermore, in international affairs friends and enemies change backwards and forwards over time. The BBC should be speaking to both all the time.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN THOMPSON,
11 Upper Gray Street,
Edinburgh 9.

Poll tax issues

From Councillor Mrs Janet Todd

Sir, While canvassing for the local elections I have been interested to see the residuum of favourable reaction to the principle of the community charge even from many who are not going to gain from the change. If the councils were charging less there would be, I believe, general acceptance of the principle of everyone paying towards local government services.

However, I am concerned by the widespread ignorance of the extent and even of the existence of rebates and transitional relief. The Labour majority on my council has decided to postpone the sending out of bills (for £489) and the full details of the rebates and relief will therefore be postponed as well.

These include the income levels up to which reductions can be obtained — in the case of Oxford £196 per week for a couple with two children under 11, £172 per week for a pensioner couple and £127 per week for a single parent with one child under 11.

Such figures will of course vary in accordance with the amount of community charge involved. They are not nugatory amounts, and they give the lie to statements that the community charge is a fixed charge and impossible for many to pay.

While I do not doubt that there will be improvements and concessions next year, many of us would be sorry if the basic principle was abandoned under the impression that the concessions were less generous than is the case.

Yours faithfully,
JANET TODD (Leader,
Conservative Group,
Oxford City Council),
Foxton Lodge, Foxton Close,
Oxford.
April 28.

From Mr R. E. H. Bailey

Sir, You report (April 30) that, of those questioned by MORI on the subject of local government finance, 35 per cent would prefer a return to the old rating system.

If rates were revived, how many of that 35 per cent would have to pay them?

Yours etc.,
ROBIN E. H. BAILEY,
4 Foxholes Cottages,
Foscot, Oxford.
April 30.

From Mr John Spreckley

Sir, Poll tax? Roof tax? Hair tax, surely, is the answer. Such a tax would achieve the totally random and totally unfair effect the drafters of the present legislation narrowly missed, and it would be nicely weighted in favour of pensioners.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN SPRECKLEY,
Benbrook Cottage,
Linch, Liphook, Hampshire.
April 23.

Bar subscriptions

From Mr G. J. S. Hill

Sir, For over a year now, the Bar Council has been pressing, or threatening, charges of professional misconduct against a number of barristers (myself included) who have refused to pay a subscription on the grounds (among others) that the rule compelling payment constitutes an unnecessary restraint of trade. Now the Courts and Legal Services Bill proposes (clause 29) that the Bar's rules of conduct will be deemed to have statutory approval.

It will be strange if, as seems possible, the proposed legislation has the effect of validating a restrictive practice or closed shop which might otherwise have been unlawful. I understood that Government policy was quite different.

Yours faithfully,
G. J. S. HILL,
17 Old Buildings,
Lincoln's Inn, WC2.

Prison riots

From Colonel K. M. Stuckey

Sir, Only one important ingredient was lacking in the Strangeways affair — political will. In January, 1964, I had the privilege of flying into Uganda with my regiment, the Staffords, to deal with a riot situation approaching insurrection. Thanks to the political courage of the then Foreign Secretary, and determination at general officer level, we were given *carte blanche*.

An unopposed landing at Entebbe, an admirable High Commissioner and a decisive Defence Council combined to enable us to deliver by night a bloodless *coup de main* to a mutinous battalion with arms and ammunition enough to fight a sustained battle. Within a matter of hours, at the direction of Prime Minister Obote, the emasculated battalion was disbanded, having been handed over by the then commanding officer — by name Idi Amin.

One is tempted to ask what the outcome might have been had we been constrained by the current philosophy of negotiation.

Yours faithfully,
K. M. STUCKEY,
Ivy House, Church Lane,
Adderbury, Oxfordshire.

Language of race

From Professor Emeritus Kenneth Kirkwood

Sir, Your editorial criticism ("Culture and the classroom", April 24) of the "muddled prejudice" which often accompanies charges of "racism" is timely in the contemporary debates on educational and other policy. "Racist" is a word which is used excessively and harmfully in current political usage.

Unhelpful confusion over important terms in the field of "race relations" has prevailed since 1952. A clear, concise citizens' glossary defining *ethnic, cultural, racial, ethnocentrism, religious pluralism, assimilation* and some other words could contribute to less heated and more constructive dialogue in a literate democracy.

The Home Office might publish the required, uncostly, uncontroversial document for sale and distribution through the available networks, including health centres, public libraries, post offices, police stations, information offices and the like.

Yours truly,
KENNETH KIRKWOOD,
233 Woodstock Road,
Oxford.
April 26.

Invisible man

From Mr P. M. B. Jones

Sir, Your front page today ("Wife's adultery trial shocks liberal America") reports that a woman in Wisconsin is to be tried for committing adultery, but that her "partner in crime" will not be tried due to lack of evidence. Surely her defence must therefore be "with whom?"

Yours faithfully,
P. M. B. JONES,
29 Harrington Road,
South Norwood, SE25.
May 1.

War on cancer

From Mr Norman F. Dacey

Sir, May I add a footnote to your report (April 20), "Breast test drive 'does more harm than good'".

As part of the "war on cancer" begun in the United States in 1970, the American Cancer Society enrolled 300,000 women at 29 breast cancer detection centres and gave them an average of two rads of radiation per examination annually.

The National Cancer Institute acknowledged uneasily that each such test increased the subject's chances of contracting breast cancer by 1 per cent or more. Mammography is not a perfect science; "misses" are in the order of 10-15 per cent.

Dr Lester Breslow of the UCLA Medical School estimated that whereas X-ray screening of 100,000 women might uncover five unsuspected cases, the X-rays involved in the testing would cause 15 new cases.

One year after the testing began, Dr Irwin Bross, distinguished research scientist and biostatistician at Roswell Park Memorial Institute, told the House Environment and Health Committee:

A quarter of a million women who have been marched through the radiation fields in the American Cancer Society's screening program will in 15 or 20 years become victims of the worst iatrogenic [doctor-caused] breast cancer epidemic in medical history. The medical profession ought to act to stop this malpractice.

It takes about 15 years for a female breast-cell damaged by radiation to develop into a full-blown tumour. Right on schedule, in 1984, the American Cancer Society reported: "The breast cancer rate in the United States has swerved sharply upward. We don't know why".

The climb continued and the disease is now epidemic and out of control. Is the same thing to happen in Britain?

Yours etc.,
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Bath,
Avon.

Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — (01)782 5046.

Neglect of royal churchyard

From Colonel P. H. Moir

Sir, Whenever I have the opportunity, which is not often, I visit the Church of St Mildred, Whippingham, on the Isle of Wight to see my father's grave. He died in the convalescent home at Osborne House before the last war.

I paid a recent visit and once again I left upset and depressed. The churchyard is not well cared for and there is a general air of neglect. Near my father's grave, the grave of Uffa Fox, the celebrated yachtsman, has been vandalised.

I know the difficulties — lack of money, shortage of staff, etc. But this is Queen Victoria's own special church. Even the graves of Prince Louis of Battenberg and his wife — Prince Philip's grandparents and Prince Charles's great-grandparents — have weeds encroaching on them.

Subsequently, with a friend, I visited Osborne House and was impressed by the general air of efficiency. There are numerous, helpful staff and the gardens are beautifully maintained.

I could not help wondering whether just a small part of the effort so successfully devoted to Osborne House and its grounds could not be diverted to Whippingham churchyard. They are only a mile apart and both are a valuable part of our heritage.

Yours sincerely,
P. H. MOIR,
Marly Cottage, 14 Badgers Hill,
Virginia Water, Surrey.
April 25.

Common land

From Mr David Lindsay

Sir, Alan Franks's article on common land (April 16) dealt, of course, only with "correctly listed" commons, but I am sure he would be the first to agree, with the Common Land Forum, set up by the Countryside Commission, who called together a number of interested parties but nobody specifically representing the small property owner, that

the omission [from the 1965 Act] of appropriate provisions for giving notice, which might be thought to be no more than a requirement of natural justice, has led to cases in which private houses and gardens ... have become finally registered as common land

and that "provision must be made for such nonsense to be put right".

Tony Favell's private member's Act last year put right the "nonsense" only in relation to land under or ancillary to a dwelling house that had existed since August, 1945, leaving still to be corrected all other "misregistrations", as the Forum described them. These have mainly come to light since the end of the two-year period for objecting, many relating to parcels of land of under one acre that some over-eager parish council had wrongly thought were "waste of the manor".

The forthcoming legislation should, therefore, provide that, where a landowner can prove that, in 1965, his land was neither waste of the manor nor subject to rights of common, such land shall be de-registered.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID LINDSAY,
36 Orchard Coombe,
Whitchurch Hill,
Reading, Berkshire.
April 25.

Safety first

From Mr P. R. F. Rudd

Sir, The photograph (April 26) o Mr Michael Howard, Secretary o State for Employment, taking a trial run on a go-kart at the launc of a project to attract young peopl into the motor industry, is ex cellent.

He is quoted in the report a saying: "There has never been time when training was mor important".

It is a pity he was not wearing crash helmet.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL R. F. RUDD,
Paul Rudd (Solicitors),
Abbey Chambers,
49 Victoria Street,
Grimsby, South Humberside.
April 26.

Sound and fury

From the Chairman of Sou Tyneside Health Authority

Sir, British Rail provided "smoking" compartments to try protect my health. Will they no consider the provision of "mobile telephone" compartmer to help retain my sanity?

On my recent journey, with six adjacent first-class seats th such telephones were in frequa use. It was difficult to work think.

Yours sincerely,
W. M. DARLING, Chairman,
South Tyneside Health Author
Horsley Hill Road,
South Shields, Tyne and Wear.
April 27.

A matter of taste

From Mr Paul Watkins

Sir, While sharing Rick Rober indignation (April 24) at see "our" breakfast described "American", I cannot help spar a thought for those Europ visitors to this country w confronted by a rack of li soggy toast, are told that it "Continental breakfast".

Yours truly,
PAUL WATKINS,
Pastures Farm,
Sotherton,
Halesworth, Suffolk.
April 25.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
MAY 1: Mr D G P Taylor was received in audience by The Queen upon his appointment as Governor of Montserrat.

The Queen held a Council at 12.30pm.

There were present: The Right Hon Sir Geoffrey Howe MP (Lord President), the Right Hon Malcolm Rifkind MP (Secretary of State for Scotland), the Right Hon Peter Walker MP (Secretary of State for Wales) and the Right Hon Norman Lamont MP (Chief Secretary of the Treasury).

Her Majesty pricked the name of Mr Hugh Bernard Meynell as High Sheriff of Shropshire in the room of Mr Denis Peareth Lennox, deceased.

Mr Geoffrey de Deney was in attendance as Clerk of the Council.

The Right Hon Sir Geoffrey Howe MP had an audience of The Queen before the Council.

The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, this afternoon re-opened The Queen's House at Greenwich for the National Maritime Museum.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were received by Admiral of the Fleet the Lord Lewin (Chairman of Trustees, National Maritime Museum).

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh subsequently embarked in the Port of London Authority Barge "Royal Nore" and proceeded to Westminster Pier.

The Queen's Bargemaster and Watermen were on duty.

Mrs Robert de Pass, Sir Robert Fellowes and Wing Commander David Walker RAF were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron of the Chartered Society of Designers, attended the Minerva Dinner, at the Institute of Directors, 116 Pall Mall, London SW1.

Mr Brian McGrath was in attendance.

Mrs Robert de Pass has succeeded the Lady Elton as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

Today the Princess Royal visited Cornwall and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Cornwall (The Viscount Falmouth).

In the morning Her Royal Highness, President, Save the Children Fund, visited the Fund's shop, 6 High Street, St Ives.

Subsequently The Princess Royal, President, Riding for the Disabled Association, visited the South West Cornwall Group at the Old Mills Stables, Lelant Downs, Hayle.

Afterwards Her Royal Highness opened the new Annexe at St Erme House, St Erme, near Truro.

Finally Her Royal Highness, President, the Mission to Seamen, opened the Mission's new Centre at Fowey.

Mrs Richard Carew Pole was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
MAY 1: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present at the Memorial Service for the Dowager Duchess of Abercorn which was held in the Chapel Royal, St James's Palace, today.

KENSINGTON PALACE
MAY 1: The Princess of Wales received Dr Christopher Hann of the Royal Anthropological Institute, at Kensington Palace.

The Duke of Gloucester, Patron, the London Playing Fields Society, this evening attended the Society's Centenary Dinner at the Savoy Hotel, Strand, London WC2.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
MAY 1: Princess Alexandra, Patron of National Association for Mental Health (MIND), was present at a Reception held this evening for the City Appeal of MIND at the City Livery Club, Victoria Embankment, London EC4.

The Lady Mary Mumford was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess of Wales, as Patron of the International Spinal Research Trust, will visit the trust's headquarters, Nicholas House, River Front, Enfield, Middlesex, at 10.40.

The Princess Royal, as President of the Save the Children Fund, will chair the launch of "Prospects for Africa's Children" by the Africa Review Group at IBM South Bank, 76 Upper Ground, SE1, at 11.00; and will open Save and Prosper's new Administration Centre, Romford, Essex, at 1.30.

Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron of the Girls Public Day School Trust, will open the Junior School Building at St Helen's School, Northwood, Middlesex, at 2.30.

The Duchess of Kent will visit Lorien Laboratories, Sandy, Bedfordshire, at 11.45; and Cynthia Spencer House, Northampton, at 2.15.

Marriage

Mr J.R. Saunders and Miss C.H.M. Seddon

The marriage took place on Saturday, at St Mary's, Barnes, of Mr John Saunders, son of Mr and Mrs Russell Saunders, of East Sheen, and Miss Claire Seddon, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Seddon, of Richmond, Surrey. The Bishop of Coventry officiated, assisted by Canon Jurgen Simonson.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Emily and Patrick Johnson, Marianna Adams and Clare and Emma Sutherley. Mr James Swyer was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr J.D. Wallis and Mrs D.N. Purves

The marriage took place on Thursday, April 19, quietly in Wiltshire, of Mr John Wallis and Mrs Di Purves.

Mr T.J. White and Miss J.F. Greenwell

The marriage took place on Saturday, April 28, at St Peter's, Newdigate, Surrey, of Mr Timothy John White, elder son of Mr and Mrs Robert White, to Miss Jane Frances Greenwell, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Greenwell. The Reverend Canon Charles Manchester officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Jana Stevens, Andrea Greenwood and Philippa White. Mr John White was best man.

Dinners

Chartered Society of Designers

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron of the Chartered Society of Designers, was the guest of honour and principal speaker at the sixtieth anniversary Minerva dinner held last night at the Institute of Directors. Mr Rodney Fitch, president, and Mrs Fitch received the guests.

London Playing Fields Society

The Duke of Gloucester, Patron of the London Playing Fields Society, was received by Field Marshal Lord Bramall, Lord Lieutenant of Greater London and president of the society, at the centenary dinner held last night at the Savoy Hotel. Mr Peter Nathan, chairman, presided and received the guests with Mrs Nathan. The other speakers were the Duke of Gloucester, the Hon Colin Moynihan, Minister for Sport, and Mr Gyles Brandreth, Chairman of the National Playing Fields Association. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster were among others present.

Painter-Stainers' Company

The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs, attended the annual Barnett dinner of the Painter-Stainers' Company held last night at Painters' Hall. The High Commissioner for Barbados was the principal guest. Mr Montague W D Northcott, Master, presided, assisted by Mr Carl Fisher, Upper Warden, and Mr Kenneth R Woodford, Renter Warden, and Mr Peter B Spurrier, Portcullis Pursuivant, also spoke.

OBITUARIES

ANTOINE VITEZ

Antoine Vitez, director of the Comédie Française, died on April 30 from a brain haemorrhage, aged 59. He was born in Paris on December 20, 1930.

THE son of an Hungarian photographer and self-proclaimed anarchist and his Normandy wife, Antoine Vitez was considered to be one of the most intellectual actor-directors of his day. He, however, always denied the tag, claiming that he was was merely "a simple peasant."

Despite this rebuttal Vitez was an accomplished linguist. His mastery of Russian enabled him to translate Sholokov, Chekhov and Bulgakov. He also made a version of Sophocles' *Electra*. It was his unforgettable production of this work in 1971 at the Amandiers-Nanterre that established him as a director of exceptional perception.

A family man — his wife is the Belgian actress Agnes Van Molder, and his two daughters, Marie and Jeanne, are marionettists — he preferred that his life remained that way. He was also reluctant to talk about his hard "but honourable" childhood. Seen as a prude, he nevertheless raised no objection whenas Faust, he was required to appear nude on stage.

At one point he was secretary to the communist writer Louis Aragon and he joined the French Communist Party when he was 27. He remained a member until 1980 when he resigned in protest at the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

During the 1960s and 1970s, Vitez travelled the length and breadth of Europe acting and directing with different companies. He began to put down roots when, from 1972 until 1974, he was co-artistic director under Jack Lang (currently French Minister of Culture) of the Théâtre National de Chaillot. He returned as its artistic director in 1981 until in June, 1988, he was appointed to head the Comédie Française, following the sudden death of Jean Le Poulain.

Vitez's austere Marxist tinted cerebrality concealed a frank humour, and he was a talented, if acerbic, impersonator. Self-effacingly he said he had no decorative taste. "What taste I have I save for the theatre."

He claimed to be musically "ignorant", yet he was capable of directing with panache such operas as *Le nozze di Figaro* in Florence (1979), which marked one of Riccardo Muti's earliest excursions into Mozart on stage. Vitez's view of *Figaro* was a severe one, but he handled his young (and principally Anglo-American) cast with skill. In 1984 there was a sombre *Macbeth* for the Paris Opéra in which the detritus of war at the side of the stage was piled high by the designer Yannis Kokkos.

Unashamedly influenced by Brecht, in the 1960s Vitez was a founder member of a people's theatre movement which became known as "the Red Belt", as it toured Paris's encircling suburbs, playing in improvised venues. A connoisseur of Claudel, his 12-hour production of *Le Soulier de satin* was premiered in the Avignon Festival's Cour d'Honneur in 1987. It was given a mixed reception by the critics and public, but in retrospect, can be seen to have made theatrical history.

The following year, Vitez again stole the Avignon Festival limelight with his brilliant production of Lars Cleberg's *Apprentice Sorcerers*, which he directed as well as playing the role of Stanislavsky. This was an apt piece of self-casting, for Vitez was a pupil of Tania Balachova, who nurtured his natural tendency towards the Stanislavskian method. He was something of a guru and his love of teaching found an outlet as the Director of Studies of the Theatre of Nations University in 1965, as a teacher at the Jacques Lacoq Mime School (1966-70), and as a Professor of the Conservatoire National Supérieur d'Art Dramatique (1968-81).

The final production by Vitez opened only a month ago: Brecht's *Galileo*. This was only the second time Brecht had been seen at the Comédie Française and it was both a labour of love and a demonstration of Vitez's determination to extend the twentieth century repertoire.

In the coming weeks, Vitez was to have announced La Française's 1990-91 Season, the first by which his influence could truly be judged. Only the most intimate of his friends were aware of the sadness with which he left the Chaillot to take up the reins of La Française at a time when it was grumbling with internal unrest.

His appointment, and that of glitzy showman Jerome Savary as his successor at the Chaillot, was seen by many as putting Karl and Groucho Marx at the head of two of France's most important national companies. Vitez's idealism however proved to be that of an *homme de théâtre*, of remarkable imagination, integrity, and a crystalline honesty.

DAVID DEWAR

David Dewar, London editor of the Glasgow Herald *from 1966-78, died aged 77 at his home in London on April 25.*

DAVID Dewar, who was Glasgow born, suffered poor health as a child and was dispatched to relatives in the then country village of East Kilbride. There he developed a love of nature which led to a lifetime of reading and writing on this subject.

Happily, this ran in harness with a journalistic career. He worked as a young reporter on the Glasgow evening paper, *The Citizen*, later on the *Scottish Daily Express* and the Glasgow *Evening Times*.

He joined Outram's London office in 1947, and wrote widely on the London scene. In 1953 he covered the Coronation for the *Evening Times*.

With his *Herald* colleague Christopher Small, he spent the previous night sleeping on the floor of the Fleet Street office and then at 6am in full morning dress walked to Westminster Abbey.

Dewar became London editor in 1966. A man of meticulous attention to detail, he took equal care for the welfare and support of his staff.

A member of the London Library, he was rarely seen without a briefcase full of books. His knowledge of birds and flowers in particular was vast but his major focus of interest was the naturalist W. H. Hudson.

In the course of research, he came upon some of Hudson's hitherto undiscovered letters. These he edited in a book entitled *Letters on the Ornithology of Buenos Aires*, published by Cornell University Press.

He edited further books, made contacts by letter with fellow enthusiasts, and met many of them on a recent visit to America, where he was hailed as the British expert on Hudson.

Dewar leaves a widow, Vera, and two sons.

BRIG FRANCIS BUNBURY

Brigadier Francis Ramsay St Pierre Bunbury, CBE, DSO and Bar, defender of The Hook, in Korea, in 1953, died aged 79 on April 28. He was born on June 16, 1910.

FRANCIS Bunbury, who had been to Rugby and Sandhurst where he was commissioned in 1930, was already a veteran infantry fighter, with a DSO under his belt for leading the 1st King's Own Royal Regiment in the Italian Campaign, when hostilities broke out in Korea. His second DSO was won in command of the 1st Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, whose stalwart performance under fire in Korea has earned it an indelible place in the history of the British Army since 1945.

During the Korean War The Hook won for itself a reputation as a graveyard which became almost as awesome as that of Hill 60 in the First World War or Monte Cassino in the Second. There were other hills in Korea over which fierce battles had been fought, and which inspired something like affection in the participants. Among them were Plum Pudding Hill, "home" of the 1st Middlesex; Hill 355 which the King's Own Scottish Borderers had stormed; the shapely "Betty Grable" in the American sector, and the provokingly curvaceous "Jane Russell".

But The Hook, a bleak horseshoe-shaped eminence which lay to the west of the Samichon River, dominated both the surrounding countryside and the minds of the combatants. Both sides wanted it, and fought over it with unexampled ferocity, reducing it to a morass of mud and putrefying flesh.

The 7th US Marines had stormed it and entrenched themselves, only to be blasted off again by Chinese shell-fire and napalm in October 1952. They had gone back, supported by artillery and aircraft and retaken it, later handing it over to the 1st Black Watch, who had deepened the American trench system and were able to repel all Chinese attacks through a wise tactical policy of "defence in depth.".

When the Dukes, commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Francis Bunbury, relieved them early in May 1953, it was in an atmosphere heavy with the threat of impending attack. Chinese loudspeakers around The Hook told the defenders that their previous attacks had merely been a "patrol action" and promised ferocious retribution to the defenders.

Like many of the British battalions, the Dukes were National Servicemen, but they had the additional disadvantage of having come to Korea from inactive garrison duty in Germany. Nevertheless Bunbury and his officers and NCOs worked wonders with them in training and by the time they took over The Hook they were at least inured to hardship from training and patrols, though naturally lacking in combat experience. A Chinese deserter who had come into the Dukes' hands told Bunbury that an attack in strength, which outnumbered the British by five to one, was scheduled for May 20.

His information about the Chinese units to be involved was unusually detailed, and Bunbury was inclined to suspicion. But much else about the deserter was plausible and Bunbury eventually accepted his story. Putting his troops on the alert, he issued the directive to fight to the last man and the last round.

True to the deserter's assertions, a massive artillery bombardment opened on the Dukes' positions on the night of May 20, 4,500 shells falling before dawn on May 21. For the next seven days shells and mortar bombs killed men in their bunkers, wrecked trenches and shattered platoon command posts. It would have been an ordeal for the most battle-hardened troops, and Bunbury was at times fearfully worried. But his men held firm in spite of the steady stream of casualties which depleted their ranks.

On the evening of May 28 the bombardment lifted and what is known as the fourth Battle of The Hook began in earnest. It was a night of fierce hand to hand fighting which decided the possession of The Hook for the rest of the war. To some, the presence of the enemy in person was almost a relief from the impersonal horrors of shelling and mortaring. Men rose from the trenches where they had crouched, numbed, for the previous week, and there was a series of bloody encounters which ranged from grenade throwing range to a few feet. There was frightful carnage as sten gun magazines were emptied into packed phalanxes of attacking Chinese at point blank range in narrow communications tunnels. Grenades exploding in enclosed bunkers took fearful toll.

But by the morning of the 29th the attackers had had enough, and retreated, leaving swathes of dead numbering some hundreds littering the slopes and hanging from the barbed wire. These were gazed at with awe by the soldiers of the 1st Royal Fusiliers who relieved the exhausted Dukes on The Hook. It was a remarkable feat of arms achieved at the expense of only 24 dead.

The Korean war ended with the signing of an armistice in July 1953, but it was not the end of Bunbury's active service career. He was mentioned in dispatches for his performance as commander of 50 Independent Infantry Brigade in Cyprus between 1956 and 1959, and appointed CBE.

His final appointment was as Deputy Adjutant-General the Rhine Army, and he retired in 1962.

His wife Pamela, whom he married in 1933, died in 1969. They had a son and a daughter.

Meeting

Religious Press Group

Sir Sigmund Sternberg presided at a meeting of the Religious Press Group held yesterday at 33 Seymour Place, W1, to mark the twenty-fifth international conference of the World Union for Progressive Judaism.

Company of Environmental Cleaners

The following have been installed officers of the Company of Environmental Cleaners for the ensuing year:
Master, Mr A. Richard Barlow; Deputy Master, Mr Basil C.C. Becker; Senior Warden, Mr George Armine Newell; Junior Warden, Mrs Inez Butler.

Wolseley garden is opened

By Alan Toogood
Horticulture Correspondent

WOLSELEY Garden Park, near Rugeley, Staffordshire, the first major British garden to be created for the public this century, was opened yesterday by Mr Edmund de Rothschild, of Exbury Gardens, Southampton, Hampshire. He also opened the adjacent Cramphorn's garden centre which will sell many plants seen in the park.

The garden, which extends 40 acres beside the Trent in the grounds of the former Woseley Hall, was created by Sir Charles and Lady Wolseley over four years.

Among the nine theme gardens and four-acre lake is a large walled rose garden, displaying varieties from medieval times to the present day, water and bog gardens (which will eventually include the National Willow Collection), a scented garden, a woodland spring garden, a rock garden and a winter garden. Details: (0889) 574766.

● One of the great gardens of Victorian England, a unique creation that has survived years of neglect and vandalism, is being restored and will open to the public a year from now (John Young writes).

Biddulph Grange, a few miles from Stoke on Trent, Staffordshire, was fashioned between 1846 and 1871 by James Bateman, the heir to an industrial and mining fortune who became an avid horticulturalist and plant collector.

With a friend, Edward Cooke, a painter and architect, he designed a series of interconnecting gardens, covering about 15 acres, linked by steps, tunnels and serpentine paths. There is a Chinese pagoda overlooking a bamboo-fringed pool; an Egyptian court with a pyramid of clipped yews; a timber-frame Cheshire cottage; a "rocky glen"; an Italian terrace; and a pinetum.

Birthdays today

Air Chief Marshal Sir John Barraclough, 72; Sir Hugh Cortazzi, diplomat, 66; Rear-Admiral Sir John Fleming, 86; Mr Alastair Forbes, writer, 72; Mr Peter Foster, former Surveyor of the Fabric, Westminster Abbey, 71; Sir Campbell Fraser, chairman, Scottish Television, 67; Sir James Hamilton, aviation expert, 67; Professor R W K Honeycombe, metallurgist, 69; Mr Clive Jenkins, trades unionist, 64; Professor Michael Kaser, director, Institute of Russian, Soviet and East European Studies, Oxford, 64.

Dr Malcolm Lipkin, composer, 58; the Duke of Montrose, 83; Mr John Neville, actor, 65; Air Marshal Sir Ian Pedder, 64; Mr Satyajit Ray, film producer and director, 69; Lord Silsoe, QC, 60; Sir Ronald Sinclair, former president, Appeal Court of The Bahamas and Bermuda, 87; Dame Nancy Snagge, former director, WRAF, 84; Dr Benjamin Spock, child care expert, 87; Mr David Suchet, actor, 44; Sir Fred Warner, diplomat, 72; Mr Jimmy White, snooker player, 28; Lord Justice Woolf, 57.

The President of the Republic of Ireland celebrates his birthday today.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Allesandro Scarlatti, composer, Palermo, 1660; Catherine the Great, empress of Russia 1762-96, Szczecin, Poland, 1729; Robert Hall, Baptist minister, Arnsby, Leics, 1764; John Galt, novelist, Irvine, Strathclyde, 1779; Edward Dowden, critic, Cork, 1843; Jerome K Jerome, novelist and dramatist, Walsall, 1859; Theodor Herzl, Zionist, Budapest, 1860; Bing Crosby, Washington, 1904.

DEATHS: Leonardo da Vinci, Clos-Lucé, France, 1519; Hester Piozzi, writer, friend of Dr Johnson, Bath, 1821; William Beckford, writer and eccentric, Bath, 1844; Alfred de Musset, poet, Paris, 1857; Giacomo Meyerbeer, composer, Paris, 1864; Lady Astor, first woman to take her seat as an MP, Grimsthorpe Castle, Lincs, 1964; J Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI 1924-72, Washington, 1972.

The British Navy mutinied at the Nore, 1797. Berlin surrendered to Russian troops, 1945.

Forthcoming marriages

Dr T.M. Bourne and Dr C.M. Hughes

The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of Mr J. Bourne, Wilmslow, Cheshire, and Mrs P. Rushton, Hemingford Grey, Cambridgeshire, and Mair, daughter of Mr and Mrs C. Hughes, Studley, Warwickshire.

Mr J.P.M. Dare and Miss A.M. Dunn

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, only son of Mr and Mrs Desmond Dare, Hale, Cheshire, and Ann-Marie, eldest daughter of Mrs Joan Dunn, Salford, Manchester.

Mr N.P. Fallan and Miss L.E. De Freitas

The engagement is announced between Nicholas Paul, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Paul Fallan, of Chorleywood, Hertfordshire, and Linda Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Avelino De Freitas, of Stourton, Stourbridge, West Midlands.

Mr E.P. Good and Miss S.J. Williams

The engagement is announced between Philip, only son of the late Mr E.D. Good and of Mrs Judy Good, of Loughton, Essex, and Sara-Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Norman Williams, of Bray, Berkshire.

Mr M.S. Howard and Miss N.H. Brett

The engagement is announced between Miles, son of Mr and Mrs Clive Howard, of The Old Farmhouse, Cropwell Bishop, Nottinghamshire, and Nicola, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Brett, of Streethill Farm, Lowesby, Leicestershire.

Meneer B. Koster and Miss W.J. Hammick

The engagement is announced between Bob, son of the late Meneer Jacob Koster and of Mevrouw Chatrien Koster van Steenbergen, of Utrecht, Holland, and Wendy, daughter of Sir Stephen and Lady Hammick, of Wraxall, Dorset.

Mr A.E.D. Leventhorpe and Miss C.J. Robertson

The engagement is announced between Adrian Edward Digby, son of Mr and Mrs R.C. Leventhorpe, Isle of Man, and Caroline Jane, daughter of Mr D.M. Robertson, Ditchling, and Mrs P.R. Baker, Prestbury, Cheshire.

Mr T.E. Montfort Bebb and Miss F.M. Griffiths

The engagement is announced between Torquil, son of Simon and Adonia Montfort Bebb, of Cuckfield, Sussex, and Frances, daughter of Tom and Yvonne Griffiths, of Sussex.

Mr R. Noddings and Miss C.M.M. MacLachlan

The engagement is announced between Roger, son of Mr and Mrs D. Noddings, of Southampton, and Miranda, elder daughter of Mr J. MacLachlan and the late Mrs A. MacLachlan, of Wivenhoe, Essex.

M J.C. Robert and Miss C.G. Priestley

The engagement is announced between Jean Claude, son of M and Mme Roger Robert, of Orthez, Pyrénées Atlantiques, and Clare Grosvenor, daughter of Mr and Mrs Derek Priestley, of London.

Mr G.J. Sinclair and Miss J.M. Penfold

The engagement is announced between Graeme, younger son of Captain and Mrs Norman Sinclair, of Edinburgh, and Jozanne, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Penfold, of Winchester.

Mr E.J. Stell and Miss J.H. Whyte

The engagement is announced between Edward, younger son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Stell, of Chorleywood, Hertfordshire, and Jocelyn, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Whyte, of London, NW1.

Mr M.C. Titcomb and Miss D.D. Mills

The engagement is announced between Mark, younger son of Mr and Mrs James Titcombe, of Lindfield, Sussex, and Diana, daughter of Lt Cdr and Mrs Robin Mills, of Benington, Herts.

Dr J.P. Williams and Miss P. Covey-Crump

The engagement is announced between Paul, only son of Mr and Mrs Norman Williams, of Bray, Berkshire, and Patricia, only daughter of Mr and Mrs David Covey-Crump, of Basingstoke, Hampshire.

Major C.M.N. Wilson and Miss J.A. Johnson-Hill

The engagement is announced between Christopher, younger son of Mr and Mrs T.K.N. Wilson, of Wherwell, Hampshire, formerly of Edinburgh, and Jennifer, only daughter of Mr and Mrs G.M. Johnson-Hill, of Bournemouth, formerly of Kenya.

Luncheons

Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission

The Ambassador of the United States of America was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon given yesterday at the Glaziers Hall by the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission in honour of British Marshall Scholars completing their awards. Sir Donald Tebbit, Chairman of the Commission, presided. The Hon Timothy Sainsbury, MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, also spoke.

Sand and Gravel Association Diamond Jubilee

The Sand and Gravel Association held its Diamond Jubilee conference at the Grand Hotel, Brighton, April 29-May 1. Guests included Mr Colin Moynihan, MP, Under Secretary of State, Department of the Environment, and Sir William Wilkinson, chairman of the Nature Conservancy Council. The new SAGA chairman, Mr Andrew Vincent, succeeded Mr John Ormsby.

Society of Antiquaries of London

At the Anniversary Meeting on Thursday, April 26, Dr R M Robbins, CBE, was re-elected President. The Society's Gold Medal was presented to Professor Charles Thurstan Shaw, CBE, and the Freud Medal to Dr Michael Ryan.

High Sheriff of Greater London

Field Marshal Lord Bramall, Lord Lieutenant of Greater London, Lady Bramall and the Lord Mayor of Westminster attended the Sheriff's Breakfast given yesterday at the Savoy Hotel by Mrs James Scott, High Sheriff of Greater London. The other guests included:
The Attorney General, the Solicitor General, Lord Justice Watkins, VC, Lord Justice Nourse, Mr John Morris, QC, MP, Sir John Bagge, Mr Justice Alliott, the High Sheriff of Surrey, the Chairman of the Bar Council, the President of the Law Society, the Queen's Remembrancer, Mr G I de Deney, Mr Michael McKenzie, Assistant Commissioner Wynn Jones and Group Captain John Constable.

To Mr Alfred Morris, MP

Mr Hugh Greenwood was the host at a luncheon held yesterday at the Goring Hotel in honour of Mr Alfred Morris, MP, and to mark his work on behalf of the disabled. Lord Callaghan of Cardiff presided. Others present included:
Mrs Morris, Mrs Greenwood, Lady Callaghan; the Australian High Commissioner, the Deputy High Commissioner for New Zealand, the Earl of Snowdon, Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos, CH, Baroness Darcy de Knayth, Mr Nicholas Scott (Minister for Social Security and the Disabled), Mr Jack Ashley, CH, MP, and Mrs Ashley, Mr Merlyn Rees, MP, Sir Richard Body, MP, Mr Peter Large, Mr Derek Foster, MP, and Mr Bryan Gould, MP.

SCIENCE REPORT

Muddy foundations made Oakland freeway collapse

HE collapse of part of Interte 880 in Oakland, Califor-, was one of the more tragic sodes in the Loma Prieta thquake that rocked the Francisco Bay area on tober 17 last year. Ameri- research now reveals why t of the double-deck road, own as the Nimitz Freeway, lapsed, while other parts of road remained standing.

The key is that the collapsed t of the freeway had feet of — or at least mud. In a nt report in *Nature* (vol , pp 853-855), Susan E gh of the Lamont Do- y Geological Observa- of Columbia University her colleagues explain rocks near the surface tively amplify earthquake k waves travelling throthem. Some rock types — articular the kind of mud lying the ill-fated section freeway — amplify these nic signals more than s.

e research confirms the cions expressed in the ediate aftermath of the quake. Edward Wilson of a-University of California, eley, an engineer speciali- in the response of buildings to earthquakes, suggested at the time that foundations based on loose underlying soil rather than hard rock might explain why some road sections collapsed when others did not.

The double-deck section of the Nimitz Freeway runs from south to north along the Oakland shore of the bay, until it meets the MacArthur Freeway which goes from east to west into San Francisco, across the Bay Bridge.

The northern part of the section — along which the upper deck crashed on to the lower — is built on estuarine mud, accumulated in the past 10,000 years. The section that remained intact is of almost identical structure but is built on stiffer, older Ice Age alluvium. The researchers used sensitive digital seismic detectors to show how the estuarine mud amplifies earthquake shocks far more than the Ice Age alluvial sediments — enough to bring down the elevated section of the freeway.

Motorists on the doomed section of the freeway were more unlucky still, because the estuarine mud just happens to be best at amplifying seismic shocks of the same frequencies at which the structure itself resonates, between about one and four cycles a second. Every structure is "tuned" to a frequency of sound at which it vibrates, or resonates, in sympathy. If the signal persists, the structure will vibrate itself to pieces. In 1940, the same disaster befell the Tacoma Narrows Suspension Bridge in Washington State, when the structure was "excited" beyond endurance by a breeze of only 42 mph (*Science Report*, June 15, 1989).

What is worse, the frequencies generated by a sediment as earthquake shocks pass through it are related to the depth of the sediment. Although the depth of the San Francisco Bay estuarine mud varies considerably over a relatively short distance, it was just right underneath the Nimitz Freeway to produce the very resonances that brought the upper deck tumbling down.

Henry Gee

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

The wisdom I proclaim is God's secret wisdom, which is hidden from mankind, but which had already chosen for our glory even before the world was made.
1 Corinthians 2 : 7

BIRTHS

BELL - On April 30th, at Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge, to Georgina and Michael, a son, Alexander.

BURNS - On April 28th, at The Portland Hospital, to Nicola (née Peltz) and Gary, a daughter, Madeleine Emma.

BYFIELD - On April 27th, at The Portland Hospital, to Margaret (née Mullen) and Brian, a son, Thomas James.

CATON-JONES - On April 29th at The Portland Hospital, to Beverley and Michael, a daughter, Molly Rose.

CRANFIELD - On April 30th, to Gillie (née Fleming) and Richard, a daughter, Henrietta Lucy Rose.

DELVES - On April 26th 1990, at St Mary's, Paddington, to Caroline (née Marden) and Hamish, a daughter, Anne Ginna Elspeth, weighing 7lbs 15oz.

HAMMOND - On April 22nd, to Cecilia (née Crafer) and Neil, a daughter, Anna.

KNIGHT - On April 27th, to Patricia (née Rogers) and Jonathan, a daughter, Frances Mary, a sister for David and Julia.

MACMILLAN DOUGLAS - On April 26th, to Rosie (née Meynell) and Angus, a daughter, Alice Elizabeth Fiona.

MAXWELL - On April 30th, to Alex (née della Casa) and Charlie, a daughter, Emerald Anne.

MORIARTY - On April 30th, to Jacqui (née Williams) and John, a boy, Declan Michael, at The Portland Hospital.

NYE - On Tuesday April 24th, at Wycombe General Hospital, to Venetia (née Fawcett) and Paul, a daughter, Clemency Joy, a sister for Abigail.

PETERS - On April 30th, to Jane (née Granlund) and Ian, a son.

POMEROY - On Sunday April 29th, at St Thomas's Hospital, to Amanda (née Colvin) and Rupert, a daughter.

RANGER - On April 29th, at The Portland Hospital, to Pinky and Kevel, a son, baby Rowan, brother of Rahul.

ROSE - On April 30th, to Cameron and Sue, the gift of Abigail Bradbrooke, a sister for Tim, Jo, Ben and Sam.

SEYMOUR - On April 29th, to Christine (née Duckett) and Grahame, a son, Benjamin Thomas John. Thanks to all at Rosie Maternity Hospital.

STEPHENS - On April 26th 1990, to Veronica (née Dean) and Peter, a daughter, Eleanor Veronica Rosamund, a sister for George.

WESTON - On April 30th, at The Portland Hospital, to Sarah (née Fairbairns) and David, a daughter, a sister for Georgina.

WIGAN - On April 30th, at Raigmore Hospital, Inverness, to Julia (née de Courcy Ling) and Michael, a son, Fergus Adam.

DEATHS

ANSTEY - On Sunday April 29th 1990, suddenly at West Wing, Norwood Park, Southwell, Elizabeth Mary (Beth), wife of Sir John Anstey. Service of Thanksgiving at Southwell Minster on Friday May 11th at 3.30 pm.

BLENKINSOP - On May 1st, peacefully at home in Eastbourne, Ian Hedworth, much loved husband of Doris and father of Christopher and Rosalind. Enquiries c/o Haines & Bonn (0323) 27801.

BOOTHBY - On April 26th, in hospital, Frances Katherine (née Stannton), beloved mother of Sylvia and Edmund and grandmother of Sarah, Peter, Daniel, Nancy, Jessica, William and Robert. Funeral Thursday May 3rd at 4.15 pm at Staunton Church.

BUNBURY - On April 28th, Brigadier Francis Ramsay St. Pierre Bunbury C.B.E., D.S.O., late The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, husband of the late Pamela. Funeral Service at Guildford Crematorium, Broadwater, Godalming, on Thursday May 3rd at 12.30 pm. No flowers please, but if wished donations may be sent to Friends of the Regiment Fund, Wellesley Barracks, High Road Well, Halifax.

BURRILL - On April 28th, in hospital, John W. Burrill MSc., C.Eng., F.I.Mech.E., aged 82, of 85 Wolfreton Lane, Willerby, North Humberside. Beloved husband, father and grandfather. Service at Chanterlands Avenue Crematorium, Hull, on Friday May 4th at 1.15 pm. Family flowers only.

COURTS - On April 30th 1990, peacefully in Israel, Louis, deeply loved by his wife Vera, children Louise and David, grandchildren, brothers and sister. Date of Memorial Service to be announced.

CRAWFORD - On Friday April 27th 1990, Archie (Tibs), peacefully and well cared for at the Chiltern Hospital. Greatly loved by Susan, the late Sheila and family and many friends, so many of whom have demonstrated such affection over the past month. Funeral Service on Tuesday May 8th, 12 noon at Hughenden Parish Church, followed by private cremation. Flowers or donations to Barcaple Christian Outdoor Pursuits Centre, c/o H.J. & A. Wright Limited, 106 High Street, Great Missenden, Bucks. HP16 0BE.

DALE-JONES - On April 26th 1990, suddenly at home, Christopher, aged 50 years, of Wokingham, Surrey. Devoted husband of Sue and father of Victoria, Ben and Edward. Funeral Service at St Paul's Church, Wokingham, on Friday May 4th at 2 pm. Family flowers only. If desired donations to British Heart Foundation.

DINWIDDY - On Saturday April 28th, John Rowland, of Little St Anne's, Coach House, Bakeham Lane, Englefield Green, Surrey. Husband of Caroline, father of Emma and Rachel.

FERGUSON - On May 1st 1990, peacefully in an Eastbourne nursing home, Jean, wife of the late H. Gordon Ferguson. Funeral Service at Eastbourne Crematorium on Wednesday May 9th at 11.30 am. No flowers please, donations to charity.

FRICKER - On April 21st, with a fiery spirit to the end, Ellerie. Cremation Putney Vale Crematorium on May 4th at 3.30 pm.

FULLER - On April 28th 1990, as the result of a motoring accident in England, Peter, beloved husband of Stephanie and father of Sylvie and Lawrence, a much loved son, son-in-law and brother. He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral arrangements to be announced later.

GARWOOD - On April 29th, peacefully at home, Winifred Ruth, aged 78 years, daughter of the late Colonel and Mrs John Garwood. Much loved by her relatives and many friends. Funeral at St John's Church, Shirley, on Tuesday May 8th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired for Croydon Spastic Society may be sent to J.B. Shakespeare Ltd., 67 George Street, Croydon, CR0 1LD.

HARTOG - On April 29th, at Leiden University Hospital, peacefully with his family, Philip Arnold, of Wassenaar. Beloved husband of Maureen Patricia O'Leary and loving father of Anthony, Patricia, Peter, Philip, Stephen and Maureen. Funeral May 3rd at Church of Gheele Herder, Wassenaar.

HAYEK - On April 29th, in hospital, aged 69 years, Anthony George Hayek (D.L.), Deeply mourned and missed by his sons Marc, Toni, Ben and their mother Nicola and by devoted sister Traudi, husband Peter, Graham and Andrew Neilson, his nephews and all their families. Funeral on Friday May 4th 12 noon at Bradwell Crematorium, Newcastle, Stoke-on-Trent. Close family flowers only please. Donations to the Hayek Charitable Trust, c/o Kent Jopes and Dona Churchill House, Regent Road, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent. Enquiries Joseph Lymer & Son, tel: (0782) 202270.

HESLOP - On April 30th Maud Isabella Heslop, of Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, wife of the late George Heslop, dearly loved mother of Peter and grandmother of Michael, Linda, Ben and Sophie.

JOHNSON - On April 29th 1990, suddenly at home, Dennis (Lloyds Underwriter) beloved husband of Ann, father of Neil, Tracy, Zoe and Adrian. Dear grandfather of Alex and Mark. Funeral at St Mary and St Gregory, Union Street, High Barnet, Herts, on Friday May 4th at 9.30 am, followed by cremation. Flowers and enquiries to J.A. Clark, tel: 01-449 3578. All friends very welcome.

MARDLES - On April 29th 1990, peacefully, Doctor Ernest Walter John, beloved father of Anne and Mary and much loved grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Farnborough, on Wednesday May 9th at 12 noon. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Church of the Good Shepherd Building Fund.

MORTIMORE-HOOPER - On April 29th, Anthony James, of Clenston, Dorset and London. Memorial Service to be arranged.

MULLALLY - On April 26th, peacefully at The Nuffield Hospital, Cheltenham, Dr. Sheila Mullally M.B.E., for over 30 years a much loved and respected Medical Practitioner in Cheltenham. She will be greatly missed by her family, friends, colleagues and patients. A private Family Requiem will be held and a Service of Thanksgiving will take place at St Gregory's Church, Cheltenham, on Monday May 14th at 11 am. Please no flowers, donations if desired may be sent to The Sue Ryder Home, Leckhampton Court, Cheltenham.

PADFIELD - On April 18th 1990, Heather Anne, suddenly whilst abroad on holiday, a tragic end to an illness borne with patience and grace. She will be deeply missed by her husband Nicholas to whom she was a faithful companion, friend and guide, and by her mother Cecilia Torrens and sister Lynette Torrens. Funeral Service at Holy Trinity, West Hill, Putney SW15, on Friday May 4th at 2.30 pm, followed by interment at Putney Vale Cemetery. Flowers to J.H. Kenyon Ltd., 12 Chiltern Street, London W1, tel: 01-935 3728.

PARKER - On April 26th, Leslie, beloved husband of Suzanne. Funeral Service at Putney Vale Crematorium on May 3rd at 2.30 pm.

POTTERTON - On April 30th, Elizabeth Elsie Catherine (née Stokes). Beloved wife of Hugh and mother of Celia, Philip and Julia. Funeral Service at St Giles' Church, Coberley, Gloucestershire, at 2 pm on Friday May 4th.

SABINE - On April 30th 1990, after a short illness bravely borne, Anthony Lennox, dearly loved father of Piers and Nicholas, widower of Margaret and Rachel, dearly loved by Sara, Emmeline and Jean, loved and very loving grandfather of Genevieve and Saffron. Funeral Service on Friday May 4th 1990 at Slough Crematorium at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Leukaemia Research Fund c/o Two Roofs, Cherrytree Lane, Chalfont St Peter, Bucks, SL9 9DQ.

SCOTT - On April 30th, peacefully after a short illness, Denys Robert, aged 77, the much loved and loving husband of Joan for 49 years, father of Christopher and Jane and grandfather of David, Michael, Clare, Deborah and Simon. Service of Thanksgiving at St Lawrence, Chobham, on Thursday May 17th at 2.30 pm.

SERJEANTSON - On April 2nd, peacefully after a lengthy illness, Joan Gaunt (née Denyer), wife of the late John M. Serjeantson, mother of Christopher-James and John, mother-in-law of Carole, grandmother of John E., Anita and Azelia. Rest in Peace.

SILVER - On April 28th, peacefully at Bart's, Nicholas G.S., aged 53. Service at St Mary's Church, Upper Street, Islington N1, at 1.30 pm Tuesday May 8th. No flowers. Donations if desired to St Mary's.

SKRIMSHIRE - On April 28th 1990, peacefully at home after a long illness, Dr. John Francis Penrose Skrimshire M.D., F.R.C.P., of Quarter, by Denny, Stirlingshire, formerly of Worthing. Service at Kippen Parish Church on Thursday May 3rd at 2 pm. Interment thereafter at Kippen Cemetery.

SMITH - On April 29th 1990, peacefully at Thames Valley Hospice, Helen Marjorie (née Senzie), dearly loved wife of Mike. Funeral Service at Easthampstead Park Crematorium at 3 pm on Thursday May 3rd. Donations to Thames Valley Hospice, Pine Lodge, Hatch Lane, Windsor, Berks, SL4 3RW. Flowers to C.H. Lovegrove, 4-6 Town Square, Bracknell, Berks, RG12 1AT.

STEINER - On April 29th, Bettina, dearly loved wife of Raymond Steiner and much loved mother and grandmother, peacefully. Funeral Service at Chiltern Crematorium, Whielden Lane, Old Amersham, at 1 pm on Friday May 4th. No flowers please. If desired donations to Hospice of St Francis, Berkhamsted.

STOTT - On April 27th, suddenly but peacefully, Alan Edward Stott J.P., D.L., in his 80th year, of Henley-on-Thames, formerly of Armitage, Staffordshire. Dear husband of Marion, beloved father of Susan, Elizabeth and Janet, stepfather of Pamela, grandfather of Katie, Charles, Jane, Edward, Richard, Caroline and Richard. Funeral Service at St John the Baptist Church, Armitage, at 2.30 pm on Friday May 4th. Family flowers only please: donations, if desired, to the Staffordshire Historic Churches Trust, c/o 11 Mavesyn Close, Hill Ridware, Rugeley, Staffordshire, WS15 3RA.

STOKES - On April 28th, peacefully, at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, David R.I.B.A., aged 81 years. Sadly missed by his wife and all his family. Requiem at Church of Our Lady, Lisson Grove, London NW8, on May 8th followed by cremation at West London Crematorium, Harrow Road.

WEBB - On April 30th, Laura Joan, widow of Francis Webb of Hartlip and mother of Michael, Nicholas and Mary, at Sparrow Cottage, St Davids.

WHEELER - On April 30th 1990, at St Benets Wolborough Hill Nursing Home, Newton Abbot, peacefully, Betty Lydia (née Gibbons), aged 93, widow of Alec Wheeler and beloved mother of Stuart and Susan (Brewer).

WILLIAMS-ASHMAN - On April 28th, suddenly but peacefully in hospital after a stroke and intermittent illness cheerfully borne, Edmund Arnold, most deeply loved husband, father and grandfather. Family funeral. Service of Thanksgiving at St Michael's Church, Elmwood Road, Chiswick, on Friday, May 18th at 2.30 pm. No flowers please, but donations if desired to: The Nurses' Amenities Fund, Director of Nursing, Charing Cross Hospital, Fulham Palace Road, W6.

WILSON - On April 27th 1990, at Winchester, Dr. A.G. 'Peter' Wilson M.C., affectionately known as 'Doc', aged 96. Late of Rudlatt and Rockbourne. Beloved husband of the late Paula, dear father of Michael and Rosemary and the late Fiona and an inspiring grandfather. Dearly loved warrior, physician, sportsman and friend. Funeral Service of Thanksgiving at St Swithun's Church, Headbourne Worthy, on Wednesday May 9th at 11.30 am, followed by interment at Rockbourne at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to The Leonard Cheshire's World War Memorial Fund for Disaster Relief c/o John Steel & Son Ltd., Cheall House, Winchester.

WITSEN ELIAS - On April 24th 1990, in hospital, Kathleen Marjorie (née Slack), aged 80 years, of 1111 Nieuw Clingendael, Cres Lasserrlaan, The Hague. Wife of the late Jhr. Gerard Witsen Elias and beloved mother of Susan Marvin and grandmother of Caroline Teitsch.

YOUNG - On April 28th 1990, suddenly at home, Cecil Leonard Ronald, retired Head of Inspection Department, National Westminster Bank, beloved husband of Doris Lilian. Funeral Service on Friday May 4th at Mortlake Crematorium 1.30 pm. Flowers to W. Sberry and Sons, 227 Acton Lane, London W4 5DD, or donations if desired to British Diabetic Association.

YOUNGSON - On May 1st, Isobel Dow (née McLean), dearly beloved wife of Ian and much loved mother of Mairi, Janet and Sandy. Funeral at The Park Crematorium, Aldershot, on Friday May 4th at 10 am. Family flowers only please. Donations if wished to Haematology Equipment Fund, Frimley Park Hospital, Frimley, Surrey.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BOWRING - A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Peter Bowring will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Cuckfield on Friday, May 11th at 2.30pm.

HARGREAVES - A Memorial Service will be held at Selby Abbey, North Yorkshire, at 12 noon on Thursday May 10th 1990 for Brigadier Kenneth Hargreaves Lord-Lieutenant for the West Riding of Yorkshire 1970-1974 and Lord-Lieutenant for West Yorkshire 1974-1978.

TAPLEY - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Don Tapley will be held at St Lawrence Jewry Next Guildhall, London EC2, on Wednesday May 9th 1990 at 12 noon.

WEISS - The Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Sir Eric Weiss will be held at the West London Synagogue, Upper Berkeley Street, London W1, on Wednesday May 9th 1990 at 6.30 pm.

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ON THIS DAY

MAY 2 — 1945

On the day the paper announced, across two columns, "Hitler Dead". Our Correspondent with the Fifth Army in Italy described his journey to Milan 36 hours ahead of the Allied forces. The city had already been liberated by the partisans.

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From Our Special Correspondent

MILAN, May 1

The journey from Mantua, where we left the Fifth Army behind was an extraordinary experience. We passed through fragments of the broken German Army who were too tired of the war to take much notice of two British war correspondents speeding along in a jeep. The only hindrance to our passage came from Italian partisans. It was necessary to approach every village roadblock with extreme caution, for behind it crouched anxious patriots with fingers on triggers of rifles, who were ready to blaze away at any enemy, but capered in ecstasies when they discovered the invader was an ally.

Half-way to Cremona we were warned that there were three truck-loads of armed Germans at the next cross-road. The report was correct. They were a scratch lot of infantry from various units under the command of a very nervous lieutenant who was just as conscious as his men that the war was finished for them. He was still keen to do his duty as a soldier, but not at all sure what that might be in the circumstances. We tried to persuade him to surrender to the local partisans. A kindly farmer invited them all to his house to celebrate the end of the war if only they would lay down their arms, but the lieutenant continued to boggle at the inevitable, and so we left him to settle with the partisans by himself.

Cremona was just rid of the Germans and could not quite believe it; and so the two allied representatives had to be paraded down the corso to show that the Fifth Army had really arrived. From Cremona onwards parties of Germans were met along the road, some armed and some unarmed, but all quite innocuous. Driving along the road through the middle of droves of enemy soldiers was like a dream. Near Piadena the imposing Fascist headquarters was reported to be manned by 200 obdurate Fascists with machine-guns, but the 200 die-hards resolved themselves, after cautious reconnaissance, into one dignified but distressed communal secretary with half a dozen supporters who were anxious only that they should not be massacred by Communists.

RETREAT FROM PIACENZA

Beyond Crema we bumped into the tail of a German armoured column retreating from Piacenza in the hope of reaching the Brenner Pass by way of Brescia. They had just been bombed by a flight of Mustangs and were clearly surprised to find two British war correspondents in their midst, but apparently regarded it as an inevitable detail of their unfortunate lot. Near by, in the villages round Lodi, were quartered a whole division of Czechoslovaks who had deserted from the Germans and were waiting for allied troops to come along. So in the dusk we came to Milan and crowds swarmed into the streets to greet us.

The Liberation of Milan by the combined efforts of its Committee of National Liberation and partisans represented the culminating effort of the resistance movement, which during the last year had been organized to a high degree of efficency. What happened in Milan happened also in Turin, Genoa and nearly all the big cities of Lombardy and Piedmont. The result has been that the greater part of the industrial equipment of northern Italy, factories, foundaries, power stations, and hydroelectric plants, have been preserved intact in so far as they are undamaged by allied bombing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BAKER - Bertha Elizabeth Elvery Baker. Deceased. We are trying to trace the whereabouts of Lawrence Martin Baker last heard of in the South of England and we would be grateful if anyone knowing his whereabouts would contact Messrs. Emmerson Brown & Brown 127 High Street, Deal, Kent, the Solicitors acting for the Executors of the late Bertha Elizabeth Elvery Baker. Deceased.

FULLER Peter, beloved husband of Stephanie (née Burns). Passed away in a motoring accident in England. Our much loved son-in-law Alan and Vicky Burns.

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BURDEN, SIDNEY GEORGE BURDEN otherwise DEREK SIDNEY GEORGE BURDEN otherwise DEREK SYDNEY GEORGE BURDEN late of 52 Rupert Street, Westminster, London W1, died there on 14th January 1988.
(Estate about £6,530)

BURNS, BEATRICE CHRISTINE BURNS, Spinster late of 94 Victoria Road, Kilburn, London NW6, died at Paddington, London W2, on 9th January 1989.
(Estate about £20,000)

DAVIES, EDITH DAVIES, Spinster late of 53 Higham Road, Tottenham, London N17 died at Tottenham on 21st October 1989.
(Estate about £38,700)

DICKINSON, WILLIAM GEORGE DICKINSON, late of 3 Pearson Road, Birkenhead, Wirral, Merseyside, died at Birkenhead, on 21st February 1988.
(Estate about £11,000)

DIXON nee PARKER, GERTRUDE SYBIL DIXON nee PARKER, Widow late of 25 Runnymede Gardens, Greenford, Middlesex, died there on 24th August 1989.
(Estate about £90,000)

GOODYEAR formerly WALSH otherwise WALSH, IVY BERTHA GOODYEAR otherwise LESLIE GOODYEAR formerly IVY BERTHA WALSH otherwise LESLIE WALSH, Spinster late of 7 Charlton Wood House, Shaftesbury Avenue, Folkestone, Kent died there on or about 28th March 1989.
(Estate about £9,000)

HANN, RAYMOND FREDERICK HANN late of 24 Beacham Close, Guild Road, Charlton, London SE7 died at Greenwich London SE10, on 27th February 1989
(Estate about £10,300)

HORNE, NORAH IRENE HORNE, Spinster late of 110F, Tettenhall Road, Wolverhampton died there on 15th April 1988.
(Estate about £7,800)

NEWMAN, DAVID RICHARD NEWMAN, late of 54 Roll Gardens, Gants Hill, Ilford, Essex, died at Ilford, on 3rd October 1989.
(Estate about £150,000)

PARSONS, DOROTHY BEATRICE PARSONS, Spinster late of 1681 Bristol Road South, Birmingham, West Midlands died at Selly Oak, Birmingham on 9th June 1989
(Estate about £63,000)

SAVAGE OLIVE GRACE SAVAGE otherwise OLIVE SAVAGE, Spinster late of Kent House, 240 Kew Road, Richmond, Surrey died at Sutton, Surrey, on 22nd August 1989.
(Estate about £12,000)

SCOTT HARRY SCOTT late of 13 Marmion Road, Battersea, London SW11 died there on 21st May 1989.
(Estate about £42,000)

SMITH, ALBERT SMITH otherwise ALBERT EDWARD SMITH late of 12 Carterhatch Roads, Enfield, Middlesex, at Enfield, on 23rd September 1987.
(Estate about £85,000)

VION, LOUISE VION, Spinster late of Holton, 49-51 West Heath Road, Childs Hill, London NW3, died there, on 26th March 1989.
(Estate about £34,350)

The kin of the above named are requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (B V), Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London SW1H 9JS, failing which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE MATTER OF OUTEREAGER LIMITED AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Philip Monjack, FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 29th March 1990.
Dated this 11th day of April 1990
Philip Monjack, FCA, Liquidator, Leonard Curtis & Co., Chartered Accountants, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF.

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 6.124 (1)
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE
MOHAMMED HUSSEIN KHAN
HIGH COURT
NO. 6346 OF 1989
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, Melvyn Laurence Rose, FCA, FCCA of Messrs. Elliot, Woolfe & Rose, Lidgra House, 250 Kingsbury Road, London NW9 0BS, was appointed Trustee of Mohammed Hussein Khan on 26 March 1990.
Any Creditor who wishes to prove a claim in the Bankruptcy, is required to send me notice of their claim in writing to the above address, to arrive no later than 30 May 1990, else their claim will be excluded from any individual which may be declared in the Estate.
Given this 24 day of April 1990
Melvyn L. Rose, Trustee

C & R Peal & Company Limited
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that I, Martin Clive Bird FCA of 800 Binder Hamlyn of 8 St Bride Street, London EC4A 4DA the Liquidator, of C & R Peal & Company Limited to make the only distribution to creditors.
Creditors are required to send their names and addresses and particulars of their debts or claims to the Liquidator on or before 7 June 1990, the last date for proving. Thereafter the distribution may be made without regard to the claim of any person whose debt has not been proved by that date.
It should be noted that all the Directors of the Company have made a Statutory Declaration that they have made a full enquiry into the affairs of the Company and that they are of the opinion that the Company will be able to pay its debts in full within a period of 12 months from the date of liquidation.
Date this 25 day of April 1990
MC Bird, Liquidator

IN THE MATTER OF ZEE STUDIO INTERNATIONAL LTD AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Stephen Daniel Swaden, FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 26th April 1990.
Dated this 26th day of April 1990
Stephen Daniel Swaden, FCA Liquidator Leonard Curtis & Co Chartered Accountants PO Box 553 30 Eastbourne Terrace London W2 6LF

GLYNN VALLEY TIMBER COMPANY LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named Company will be held at the offices of Poppleton and Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester on Tuesday the 15th day of May 1990 at 12 o'clock noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act. Pursuant to Section 98, Subsection (2) (a) of the Act, Nigel Kenneth Edmondson of Stay Hayward, Peter House, St Peter's Square, Manchester and Peter Lomas of Poppleton and Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD, are appointed to act as the Qualified Insolvency Practitioners who will furnish creditors with such information as they may reasonably require.
Dated this 26th day of April 1990
By Order of the Board
M Sandercock, Director

ARCANUM LIFE INVESTMENTS LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Poppleton and Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester on Tuesday the 8th day of May 1990 at 12 o'clock noon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Pursuant to Section 98, Subsection (2) (a) of the Act, Mr Peter Lomas of Poppleton and Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD is appointed to act as the Qualified Insolvency Practitioner who will furnish creditors with such information as they may reasonably require.
Dated this 26th day of April 1990
By Order of the Board
D A Williamson, Director

THE OLD GEE LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace (2nd Floor) London W2 6LF, on Friday the 11th day of May 1990, at 12.00 noon for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
Dated the 24th day of April 1990
L.J. Bell, Director

LEGAL NOTICES

TOKOLA PROJECT SERVICES LIMITED
Registered Office: 55/57 High Holborn, London WC1V 6DX.
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that on 11th April 1990 I was appointed Liquidator of the above named company (Creditors' Voluntary Winding Up).
Creditors of the company who have not already done so should submit their claims in writing to me at the following address under reference JPR/CRFD/COB:
Touche Ross & Co
55/57 High Holborn
London WC1V 6DX
John Parry Richards, Liquidator

RE: HENLEY FASHIONS LTD AND THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Trevlot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ, on Wednesday the 9th May 1990 at 10.00 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act. A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at Trevlot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. as from Friday the 4th May 1990.
Dated this 20th day of April 1990
M Afzal Director

RE: SPEEDLOCK AND THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Trevlot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ, on the 10th May 1990 at 10.00 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at Trevlot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. as from Tuesday the 8th May 1990.
Dated this 24th day of April 1990
DJ Saunders, Director

IN THE MATTER OF COURTNAY & MALLARD LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that on 24th April 1990 I, David Julian Buchler of Buchler Phillips & Co, 43/44 Albemarle Street, London W1X 3FE was appointed Liquidator of the above named company by the members and creditors.
DJ Buchler
Date 24.4.90

IN THE MATTER OF COURTNAY & MALLARD LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 1st June 1990, to send in their full christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors (if any) to the undersigned David Julian Buchler of Buchler Phillips & Co., 43/44 Albemarle Street, London W1X 3FE, the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
24th April 1990
DJ Buchler, Liquidator

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
AND IN THE MATTER OF ALFRED C. WRIGHT (ELTHAM) LIMITED
(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 594 of the Companies Act 1985 that a General Meeting of the Members of the above named Company will be held at 142/148 Main Road, Sidcup, Kent DA14 6NZ on Wednesday 30th May 1990 at 10.30 a.m. to be followed by a General Meeting of the Creditors for the purpose of receiving an account of the Liquidator's acts and dealings and of the conduct of the Winding-up to date.
Dated this 25th day of April 1990
P Granville White, Liquidator

CANNON CAR AGENCY LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Poppleton and Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester M4 1QD on Friday the 4th day of May 1990 at 12 o'clock noon for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Pursuant to Section 98, Subsection (2)(a) of the Act, Mr Peter Lomas of Poppleton and Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD is appointed to act as the Qualified Insolvency Practitioner who will furnish creditors with such information as they may reasonably require.
Dated this 24th day of April 1990
By Order of the Board
P C Cannon Director

COOK BRIGHTON LIMITED
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 175(2) of the Companies Act 1985, that:
(a) at an Extraordinary General Meeting of Cook Brighton Limited held on 27th April 1990, a payment out of capital by the Company for the purpose of the Company acquiring 28,000 of its own Ordinary Shares and one of its own Non-Voting Shares by purchase from the Registered Holders thereof at a price of £1 for the one Non-Voting Share and £1 per Share plus a premium of £141.8571 per share in respect of the remaining shares was approved by Special Resolution for the purposes of Section 173(2) of the Companies Act 1985;
(b) the total amount of the permissible capital payment for the shares in question is £2,982,640;
(c) the Statutory Declaration of the Directors and the Auditors' Report required by Section 173 of the Companies Act 1985, are available for inspection at the Company's Registered Office;
(d) any creditor of the Company may at any time within the five weeks immediately following the date of the Resolution for payment out of capital apply to the Court under Section 176 of the Companies Act 1985, for an Order prohibiting the payment.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
BERNARD YATES
SECRETARY
Registered Office:
150 Church Road
Hove, Sussex BN3 2DL
Dated 27th April 1990

IN THE MATTER OF ORITONE LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting of creditors of the above-named company convened under the provisions of Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 and held on 26th April 1990, I, Joan Yvonne Venvil of Carter Backer Winter, Hill House, Highgate Hill, London N19 5UU, was duly appointed Liquidator of the above-named company.
Dated 27th day of April 1990.

TRUSTEE ACTS

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to s27 of the TRUSTEE Act, 1925 that any person having a CLAIM against or an INTEREST in the ESTATE of any of the deceased person's whose names, addresses and descriptions are set out below is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his claim or interest to the person or persons mentioned in relation to the deceased person concerned before the date specified; after which date the estate of the deceased will be distributed by the personal representatives among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests, of which they have had notice.

JAMES THOMSON DECEASED
any relatives of the late James Thomson, who resided latterly at Hillview, Earlston, Scotland and who died on 2nd August 1984 or anyone holding or knowing the whereabouts of a Will or having any claim against the Estate please contact the subscribers. Messrs Iain Smith & Partners W.S. Bank Close, Galashiels.

John Percival on a Glasgow/London partnership which is bringing international contemporary dance to Britain

Do the cross-border two-step

When Sarah Hill and John Ashford are together. they might be seen as a double act: the loquacious one and the quiet one, but both with a rapport and enough shared knowledge to be able to answer questions meant for the other. In fact, their working circumstances and functions are different, but they have one vital ambition in common and ideas about how to develop that to mutual advantage and the benefit of others.

Hill is the dance programmer for Glasgow's Mayfest, which opens its eighth season this week. It proudly proclaims itself one of the fastest-growing British festivals and is already the second largest international festival in Britain. (Disdainfully, the location of the biggest one, thought perhaps also to be in Scotland, is not mentioned by anyone connected with Mayfest.)

Its wide range of activities, lasting most of the month, takes in local activities and community events as well as an international programme. The dance programme is necessarily a self-contained series amid all the other activity. It is essentially contemporary: the word "ballet" appears in its listings only once, with a special programme by the Scottish Ballet at Glasgow's new performing space, the Tramway, where it will give works by Italian and French choreographers and an American who works with William Forsythe in Frankfurt.

There is only one other local production, a performance by the Glasgow-based Gregory Nash Group, and one from England, Shobana Jeyasingh's *Orientations*, in collaboration with Michael Nyman's music. The rest of the presentations come from the US (five groups), France (three), Belgium (two), the Netherlands (two) and Germany (one).

That is an impressive international sweep, but it is also expensive, not only in transport costs, but because dancers and choreographers in Europe and America are used to higher fees than their underpaid British counterparts.

This is where the connection with John Ashford is made. He is director of The Place theatre in London, where he has done wonders organizing dance seasons on a shoestring budget. His latest venture is "The Turning World", a four-week season of small companies from around the world announced as the first of nine annual seasons.

Half of Ashford's presentations are coming only to London, and half of Hill's are booked only for Glasgow. The rest are shared, with obvious benefits both in keeping costs down and making the trip more attractive to performers and sponsors.

Ashford's still has the edge on Hill's, because of the possibility of notices in the London-based national newspapers. But other factors can play a part; Philippe Decouflé is taking his company back to Glasgow with the world premiere of a big new production, because he had such a good time there last year. The enthusiasm of Hill and Ashford for their artists is valuable.

Luckily they have similar tastes. Both insist that they will not choose anything they do not believe in, although Hill is circumscribed by the fact that the Third Eye Centre contributes its own selection of events to Mayfest.

The need to take account of what the audiences will accept, pushing their ideas forward but not too much at a time, is also more of a restriction in Glasgow than London, which gets a wide variety of work all year.

What they are looking for is high quality work that is theatrical and will entertain, but will also show some awareness of life today and is typical of its area of origin. Ashford sums it up: "I want to see American dance from America: at present you get too much 'American' dance in Britain, France and Italy.

"I want to see something distinctively British or French or Italian from those places. Similarly, what I like about Pat Graney's company, which is coming from America, is its specific West Coast-ness."

They are keen to go on supporting creators they have found and shown before (even, Ashford says, if a new work is slightly disappointing. "It should be seen"). But sometimes they know an opportunity is a one-off occasion, such as the chance, thanks to support from the Goethe Institute, to bring the distinguished German dancer Susanne Linke to Britain for the first time in eight years; will she still be dancing in another eight years?

Support from foreign government agencies provides 28 per cent of Ashford's budget this year. Next on the list of supporters is the chief sponsor, Holsten Distributors Ltd, with 22 per cent, and then ticket sales at 15 per cent — The Place seats only 250.

That leaves a balance of 35 per cent to be made up from the Arts Council, Visiting Arts and other appreciated sponsors, some offering help in kind.

The Glasgow district and Strathclyde regional councils are the main supporters of Mayfest and the programme book has a full A4 page list of the funding bodies, sponsors, benefactors and other helpers. Even so, Hill needed to obtain extra support from the Scottish Arts Council and Visiting Arts to make the dance programme possible, and he needed to take the begging bowl round to sponsors to obtain funding for individual companies.

Can they keep it up, especially without Glasgow's "Year of Culture"? They want not just to maintain but to develop the work. Hill would like to see her activities extend from the festival to other seasons throughout the year, to sustain interest. Ashford, on the other hand, would like his Turning World season to resemble a festival, using other theatres too, and he is making a start this year by presenting just one company, Zuni Icosahedron from Hong Kong, at the Bloomsbury Theatre.

For such ambitions more help is needed, and they are looking jointly for another participant to share costs. The likeliest choice is in Manchester, since other possible cities such as Leicester and Newcastle are already proceeding on different lines.

Both the London and the Glasgow partner has a link also to Utrecht in Holland. Far-fetched it might seem, but there is a lot of determination at work, so these ambitious developments could happen, against the odds.

GERT WEIGELT

Susanne Linke and Urs Dietrich: Linke's first British performance in eight years, perhaps her last?

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Song and Dance
Shaftesbury

Marti Webb: lonely but now finally more defiant

AS IF it were not enough to have his *Cats*, *Starlight Express*, *Phantom* and *Aspects of Love* simultaneously in the West End, here is a revival of the "concert for the theatre" Andrew Lloyd Webber concocted in 1982. It is time there was a friendly warning, designed to protect unwary visitors to London, on Tube posters and in travel brochures. There is a danger of overdosing on what it would, of course, be stretching a metaphor to call Lloyd Webber's melodious junk.

Imagine the symptoms of addiction that might strike a tourist after a mere five days in town. Scrambled delusions in which felines in half-masks whizzed about on roller-skates, or sexually fickle trains swung across the stalls on chandeliers, would be the least of it. With the arrival of *Song and Dance*, the hallucinations could include the Empire State Building tapdancing in a subterranean gondola to the acompaniment of "Memory". To mainline on Lloyd Webber is to place the mind euphorically at risk.

The Manhattan skyline materializes in the *Song* half of the show. Marti Webb has gone there from Muswell Hill in search of love, as she did in 1982; and once again she persistently falls victim to the maggots lurking in the Big Apple. A health-freak whisks her to Hollywood, and proceeds to neglect her. Back in New York, a younger man two-times and dumps her, and then she herself ditches the married man she has allowed to comfort her.

After delivering a cycle of some 20 songs, Webb ends up as lonely but more defiant than I recall in the original production; but it is still unclear why she remains in such a doleful city. The same erotic encounters could, after all, happen in London; and without the added misery of homesickness. But perhaps the show would not have transferred to New York back in 1985, or be so likely to catch the American tourist-trade now, if Lloyd Webber and his collaborator, Don Black, had shown better geographical logic.

Both men undoubtedly have their catchy, fetching moments. The problem may be that there already is a bard of failed relationships with Manhattan settings. His name is Stephen Sondheim. He writes sharper, meaner lyrics than Black and harsher, more sardonic music than Lloyd Webber. He would probably also expect a less obviously likeable heroine than Webb, with her pleasant voice, wry warmth and rather moderate passions. When she splinters the ears, as occasionally she does, it is more because of the miking than the emotional pain.

Even the *Dance* half — variations on themes both of Paganini and boy-meets-girl — sometimes seems a bit winsome. When those fellows in braces bounce about with those bobby-soxers, the stage can look like a kindergarten for the hyperactive. But Wayne Sleep is at the centre, as in 1982, and his skill and verve are little dimmed. Just when one begins to find the balletic comedy too cute, he will fizz and whirl into top gear, carrying a talented ensemble with him — and perhaps even justifying the show.

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Survivors and reunions

Matt Wolf meets American writer Barbara Lebow, whose 1984 play, *A Shayna Maidel*, opens in London tomorrow night

ADRIAN BROOKS

Lebow: her writing comes from her own experience

Barbara Lebow wrote *A Shayna Maidel* in 1984 for the Academy Theatre in her home city of Atlanta, Georgia. She has watched with some amazement as the play has gone on to be produced around the world. Its primary exposure was off-Broadway, where it ran for 16 months; but the play has also been seen in Canada and Israel. The London opening this week marks its European début and enables Lebow to test the appeal of the work beyond its immediate New York Jewish milieu.

"It is particularly set in America, but I don't think the values or dynamics in it are peculiar to that culture," the engaging 53-year-old dramatist says of her story of two Polish sisters, separated prior to the Depression, who reunite in New York in 1946. Luisa, the older one, is a Holocaust survivor, who lost her husband, child, and mother in concentration camps and arrives in New York to find her father and, most crucially, her sister Rose, whom she has not seen for almost two decades.

While the play might sound familiar in synopsis, audiences must not expect *Ghetto II*. The aftermath of war is the issue, not the atrocities. "It's not about the war in Europe, even though that is what is assumed," Lebow says. "It's about the response to that: I'm writing it from the point of view of an American (the sheltered Rose) who was very protected from the Second World War."

Nor, despite a title which means "a pretty girl" in Yiddish, should *A Shayna Maidel* be viewed solely as an ethnic play. "The title has been a handicap in advance. Even many people who speak Yiddish thought it was some lighthearted Yiddish farce, or a Second Avenue musical. This is not a shmaltzy chicken-soup family drama." Lebow was open to alternate names for the play but was dismayed at the suggestions made.

While the playwright feels that "emotionally, everything I write comes from my own experience", *A Shayna Maidel* avoids veiled autobiography. Lebow was born to a father in the garment business and an interior-designer mother and had a "comfortable middle-class" New York upbringing. The Holocaust, she says, was not part of her life directly, and to that end she empathizes with the shock of awareness registered by Rose, whom she finds the play's most truly pitiable character.

"I was drawn to the 'it could have been me had my grandparents not emigrated' aspect of the play," she recalls. She was interested, too, in all the attendant questions: "Have I got away with something by avoiding all this, or has my life just been too easy? Am I lucky or not, being an American?"

A Shayna Maidel concerns survivors, a theme common to Lebow's work, which numbers "some 20-something" plays, including five for children. *Cyparis*, set in Martinique in 1902, is about the only man to survive the eruption of Mount Pelée, in which 30,000 people were killed in four minutes. Other plays show an affinity for time travel: *Little Joe Monaghan*, set in Idaho during the days of the Old West, and *The Keepers*, about British settlers occupying a Maine lighthouse in the 1840s.

A divorcee with three grown-up sons, Lebow has lived 28 years in Atlanta, devoting much of her recent time to the Academy Theatre's human-services programme, that brings improvisational theatre techniques to disenfranchized communities such as the elderly, prisoners, and the homeless. With the success of *A Shayna Maidel* she can live fully off her playwriting, but she refuses to "go Hollywood", and will have nothing to do with the American telefilm of the play now being prepared.

"In the theatre, the playwright really is in control. I am a valuable resource, as opposed to the screen, where you are a workman who does not know anything except how to put words on paper. They tell you what to do, you do it, and if they don't like it, you have to change it. Maybe the film will be terrific, but it won't be this play," she says. "The play is now the play, whatever happens to it."

● A Shayna Maidel *opens tomorrow at the King's Head, Upper Street, London N1 (01-226 1916).*

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BY CHANCE, the present conductor of the New York Philharmonic, Zubin Mehta, and his successor, Kurt Masur, have each conducted the London Philharmonic in the past week. The comparison has been illuminating. The "showy" Mehta displayed something resembling spiritual depth in his performance of Verdi's *Requiem*. Masur by contrast revealed an unexpected flamboyance on Monday.

New York journalists, who have had fun creating a dour and daunting "Herr Who?" image for Masur, might have been surprised by this performance. The London Philharmonic's formidable horns were unleashed for many a brazen fortissimo; quieter moments were coloured by romantic phrasing, beautifully delivered by a superbly responsive orchestra.

If Masur's interpretations sometimes looked forward to Manhattan, his choice of music seemed like a homage to Leipzig, where he has spent 20 years as music director of the Gewandhaus Orchestra. Schumann's First ("Spring") and Third ("Rhenish") symphonies, Brahms's "St Anthony" Variations: this is meat and drink to an experienced conductor.

Yet Masur managed to combine that experience with a self-renewing freshness. Here was the expertise that could meld Schumann's awkward orchestrations into something warm and mysterious, or make them blaze with fervour. Here, too, was the unjaded imagination which, in the "Spring" symphony's finale, could transform the horn duet and flute cadenza from being puzzling interruptions into an uncanny depiction of summer bursting in.

His conducting technique is deceptive. A flapping bulkiness implies, to the eye, an unfocused geniality, but the aural evidence — slight speed changes immaculately executed — suggests that exact meanings are being conveyed. New York has chosen wisely.

For no good reason?

TELEVISION

Sheridan Morley

IN ITS own quietly subversive fashion, the *Army Lives* series (BBC 2) has been calling into question almost every aspect of contemporary military life at home and abroad. Last night it went to West Germany to look at the social welfare system within a camp. Just as you do not have to be especially feminist to realize that the modern British Army is still quite breathtakingly chauvinistic, you do not have to be a pacifist to wonder what precisely is being served and what is being destroyed by keeping large numbers of men and their families isolated within barracks in a foreign country with which we have not been at war for nearly half a century.

The British Army is no longer in Germany as an occupying force. Rather like a guest left over from some long-past house-party invitation, it is still wandering around, wondering how best to behave now that the rest of the house is no longer being run on quite the same lines, or for the same purposes, or even by the same people.

What is bad for the men is a lot worse for their wives: 240 couples a month are now seeking counselling over there. The only such counselling available is that of military or closely affiliated organizations. Thus, the demands of security, tradition and discipline maintain a terrifying closed world, in which the army deals with its own in its own particular ways. As a result, unhappy wives are unwilling even to visit the Families Officer for fear of being seen talking to a man known to be in charge of domestic difficulties.

In Germany, all British Army wives are subject to military law, and family support comes from serving officers. If you decide to leave your soldier husband, you get 93 days of temporary housing and then an eviction order. Similarly, if you have a child with an illness which cannot be dealt with by the army GP, your family is moved back to Britain and your husband faces career problems because he cannot then travel to other bases.

But if, in peacetime, the Army has trouble dealing with its private lives, in wartime this would seem to have been much less of a problem. *Out on Tuesday* (Channel 4), which dealt last night with homosexuality in World War II, concluded that black-outs were a kind of gay paradise and underlined Peter Nichols' old theory (expressed in *Privates on Parade*) that for some soldiers the chance to tour Burma in fishnet stockings and high-heeled shoes was well worth the risk of sudden death.

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Home-grown learning: Thomas (left) and William Rust testing soil with Jo, their mother and teacher — "they probably argue back more than they would with a schoolteacher"

Home is where the school is

Why are more parents giving their children a DIY education? Liz Gill reports

If there is any drawback in home education it is probably, thinks William Rust, aged 14, the lack of opportunity for schoolboy mischief. "You can't mess about," he says. "There's no one to hide behind."

Such a disadvantage, however, has to be weighed against the attractions of following a morning's interesting work in agreeable surroundings with a pizza lunch and the latest episode of *Neighbours*: personal and social development, says the teacher in Jo Rust; half an hour's peace, says the mother in her.

Mrs Rust, aged 38, who has been educating her children herself for four years, can afford such relaxed views, given the opinion of many experts that two hours' personal tuition is worth six in school. According to Dr Roland Meighan, senior lecturer in education at Birmingham University and author of the book *Flexischooling* (published by Education Now), such efficiency is often the most striking aspect of the situation.

"If you talk to the children about what is different, their first answer is how much time you save once you cut out the boring assemblies, the long playtimes, the breaks that occurred just when you were getting interested in something. They may have learnt as much by lunchtime at home as they would in two days in class," he says.

Dr Meighan has been studying the alternative approach to education for 12 years now. When he first became interested he could locate only about a dozen families engaged in home tuition; now he reckons there are at least 5,000, involving maybe 15,000 children. In America, he says, the figure is thought to have topped a million.

"I think the major motivation is desperation. Most of these families are not ideologically anti-school. They go along with the system until their child gets into trouble, either through something like bullying or through performing poorly. So they have a go at doing it themselves and they are astonished to find it has a lot to commend it."

These parents are acting within their legal rights: only education is compulsory in this country, not schooling. The 1944 Education Act says parents have a statutory duty to see that their children receive education suitable to their "age, ability and aptitude and any special needs", either by sending them to school or "otherwise".

Education Otherwise, a self-help group which took its name from this clause, was founded 13 years ago to support and advise parents who wanted to exercise their choice, and to help them in their dealings with local education authorities. It now has 2,000 members.

The Rusts made their decision after moving from London to Gamlingay, a village near Cambridge, where Graham Rust, aged 39, is creative director of an advertising agency. The approach of formal education for Thomas, their youngest son, coincided with a growing conviction that William was finding his studies increasingly dull. At the same time Mrs Rust, a qualified youth leader, was working in a club for teenagers. "I was seeing all these youngsters whose only ambition was to leave school. It all seemed so depressing, we thought we'd have a try at doing it ourselves."

For the Lyon family in Bradford, home teaching seemed part of a natural continuum. "We're not negative about schools, nor did we think we had particular qualities which would enable us to do it better," says David Lyon, aged 41, a sociology lecturer. "All we felt was that we'd been the main source of their educational stimulus until they were five, and we couldn't see the point of stopping there."

Sue Lyon, also 41, is a qualified maths teacher, but she regards that as immaterial. She has worked out her own system over the 10 years that she has been educating her four children, aged from six to 15, at home.

"I rarely stand there and act the teacher. We do have a special room, but it tends to be used more as a resource centre. The children are more likely to take their books from there and bring them into the kitchen. I might answer questions as I'm making a meal. Our view is that all life is educational."

The children's work is frequently project-orientated. "We also try to hitch ourselves to their interests," Mr Lyon says. "At the moment they're very keen on producing a newspaper, so you can use that to teach anything from word processing to prose style."

Mrs Rust pursues a similarly flexible approach. "I tend to teach retrospectively, in that I look back at what we've been doing one week and, if I think we've spent a long time on one particular subject, we'll catch up on something else the next."

For both the Rusts and the Lyons the most tangible measure of their methods will come next year, when the elder children take their GCSEs. The likelihood, Dr Meighan says, is that they will do at least as well as ordinary pupils — "and sometimes such children do astonishingly better".

Other benefits are less tangible. Mrs Rust believes her sons have had a more stable education, and that they have developed more self-motivation and concentration. For both families classroom discipline tends to be indistinguishable from family discipline, although Mrs Rust adds: "They probably argue back more with me than they would a schoolteacher, and say they've got better ideas. The trouble is they're often right."

The costs of home education are hard to calculate. Mrs Rust says they are high in the sense that she would otherwise have returned to paid employment. Mrs Lyon, on the other hand, who would not, says an awful lot of material is free via libraries, museums, galleries, television and radio.

The big argument against the home method has always been that the children are socially disadvantaged by not constantly mixing with their peer groups. The Rusts and Lyons say this is nonsense — all their children have a wide circle of friends and a variety of leisure activities. Dr Meighan argues: "Our vision of school social life is that it is rather wonderful, when in reality it is far more likely to be about avoiding the bully, keeping a low profile and conforming. Families who have one child in and one out of the system say it is the social competence of the one at school they are worried about. The other can handle anyone from a baby to a pensioner." Most DIY educators go to some lengths to ensure their children do not miss out on group activities like sport, music, drama and special outings.

From time to time both the Rusts and the Lyons offer their children the chance to return to the system. So far there have been no takers. "I think they balk at the idea that it has to be all day, every day," Mrs Lyon says.

It may be that in future the lines will not be so clearly drawn. One small independent institution, the Dame Catherine School in Ticknall, Derbyshire, has six pupils among its 38 boys and girls who are primarily home-educated but come in part-time. Philip Toogood, the head, says: "If I have any criticism of home education, it is that the children never have to belong to a group they have not chosen, and so they may not learn that business of give and take," he says. "Self-development is important as long as you don't think that 'me' is all that matters."

● *Education Otherwise is at 25 Common Lane, Hemingford Abbots, Cambridgeshire (0480 63130)*

Breaking point and the boss

Executives are being urged to take more leave — but who wants to exchange the office for a 14-day family fight?

If you are a senior manager, you need a holiday. In fact, it ought to be compulsory; a survey by *Personnel Today* has concluded that whereas junior staff show no unwillingness to slope off as often as possible, eight out of 10 bosses are not taking their full holiday entitlement.

This, they conclude, is a bad thing, and British firms ought to consider following some companies in the United States by writing it into executive contracts that they must go away for at least two weeks in the year.

In a time of plummeting sales graphs and exorbitant loan rates, it seems, the rats are getting ever more unwilling to stop racing round in their treadmills.

Caution should be exercised before blaming this entirely on the present jittery mood of commerce. There have always been those who find it almost impossible to go on holiday because it entails a tacit admission that they are dispensible. Bosses leave directions of Byzantine complexity to cover every possible development, and telephone daily from the Algarve to the disgust of their families; secretaries and PA's refuse to go away for a week without leaving a "will" dealing with everything from the computer to the watering schedule for the pot-plants and the boss's girlfriend's nickname.

It is possible to carry an entire year's disasters inside a laptop computer

Indispensibility can be a drug: one radio disc-jockey has actually been known to return to his station and sit boot-faced in the control cubicle, listening to his replacement. Technology has compounded the problem: it is now possible for one individual to carry an entire year's commercial disasters with him inside a laptop computer which can, at a pinch, be concealed from the family inside an artfully folded pair of boxer shorts.

Perhaps the most revealing line in the report, though, was that most of the bosses say that a fortnight's trip abroad with the family is more stressful than either staying at work or having a week off at home. Here they have a point. We are, inevitably, talking about a majority of men; and it is an unfortunate quirk of fate and biology that just when a man gets to the stage of controlling a department full of bickering, unpredictable, back-stabbing staff, his family life has generally matured as well, providing him with a parallel houseful of bickering, unpredictable, back-stabbing teenagers. Taking this hornet's nest on holiday may well be every bit as stressful as staying home and masterminding a takeover bid for Amalgamated Consolidated.

For a start, there is the painful loss of control and direction. I bet if there was a more searching survey, it would discover that men who go hiking or sailing or climbing with their families are more willing to take the time off than those who are locked into the airport-and-resort pattern of holidays. The former BBC Director General, Ian Trethowan, used to say that only a sailing holiday really relaxed him because when he dropped the mooring he was forced to concentrate on the winds and tides instead of fretting about the latest corporation row. If you think about it, it is downright cruel to take an executive who has worked all year to perfect his time management system and confine him for six hours, with neither telephone nor fax, in an airport where he has no right to any particular seat, and nothing to do but wait for a plane which he is not qualified to drive. The poor wretch will pace up and down, deprived of his normal outlet of energetic progress-chasing.

He gets to the beach, after a further humiliating loss of control and direction because the resort is so exotic, new and prestigious that the room service maid speaks in English. Immediately, he becomes aware that his family is not behaving like loyal and well-motivated staff members.

Daddy, poor devil, has been working such long hours away from home that he has forgotten what it is to give a crisp directive and have it met with indifference, derision, or a suggestion that he go and get his own ice-cream. By the time he has learned to wind down, to smile, to play beach-cricket and meet setbacks with a shrug and a happy *mañana*, his fortnight is up and it is time to go back to the office in a dangerously relaxed and vulnerable state, stripped of his protective working carapace. There must be a solution somewhere. Perhaps companies should insist that the full three weeks be taken at once, or revive the wakes weeks when the entire firm closes down. If this is impractical, they should steer executives away from the hideous streases of foreign sun, and encourage them to go youth-hostelling. Alone.

Mary Lancaster

BRIEFLY

A round-up of news, views and information

Fax of life

The dawn of the New Age seems a strange time to launch a Filofax guide to pregnancy for time-warped, time-urgent mothers-to-be. Pregafax, called "the pregnancy organizer", was designed by Lisa Bruce, a librarian and first-time mother, to help others whose personal organizers were, like hers, "already overburdened" with pieces of paper. The step-by-step guide has weekly divider pages and an "action list" of things to do that week. There is even a "labour action sheet" with a "contraction chart" for monitoring progress. Pregafax costs £8.99 in sheet form, £18.99 bound, or even £29.99 in a special deluxe binding, and is available from Harrods and other Filofax stockists, or direct by mail order from Pregafax Ltd, Suite 6, 26 Charing Cross Road, London WC2H 0DG (01-379 5950).

Trick-tock

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Beauty lips

Why choose between lip protection and lip colour in the summer — or smear one on the other — when you can have both in one slick stick? RoC, the skin protection specialist, has introduced RoC Treatment Lipstick, a fragrance-free, hypo-allergenic formula including Vitamin E and ultra-violet filters in a glossy, moisturizing film. There are 10 shades to choose from, three of them pearlized, and they have just come into the shops at £5.25.

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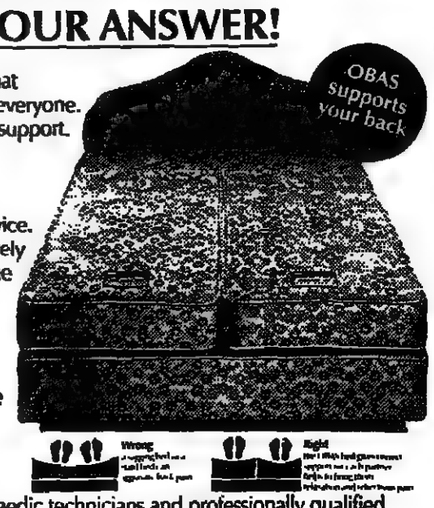

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By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

Slowdown creates a sudden slump

Industrial land values are falling fast, according to a recent survey

The price of industrial land in England and Wales increased last year by an average of 47 per cent, the consultants Healey & Baker report in their second survey of industrial land.

The survey shows that between 1977 and 1989 the price of industrial land increased on average by 17.8 per cent per annum compound, while average rental growth on industrial property was 11.9 per cent per annum compound.

Land prices peaked in September 1989, says John Organ, of Healey & Baker, and since then industrial land prices have fallen by between 10 and 20 per cent. "This is due to the impact of high interest and a re-adjustment of the investment yields available to institutions, reflecting their perception of a slowdown in rental growth. Business-use sites have probably dropped by between 20 per cent and 30 per cent, depending on location, for similar reasons and due to the slowdown in the take-up rate of out-of-town office space."

Mr Organ said that strong demand for industrial sites remained, but the drop in business-unit site values meant that there was a better chance of acquiring sites for "shed" developments. "There still remains a shortage of new industrial and warehouse buildings, particularly in the South-east, and we anticipate continuing rental growth from this area."

The survey shows that land classified as standard industrial land in 1977 but which has since been developed for either B1 mixed use or retail use has seen substantial increases in value. Land used for food retailing has increased in value by 35 per cent per annum compound since 1977, compared with 17.8 per cent for standard industrial land, 21.9 per cent for B1 and 28.5 per cent for non-food retailing.

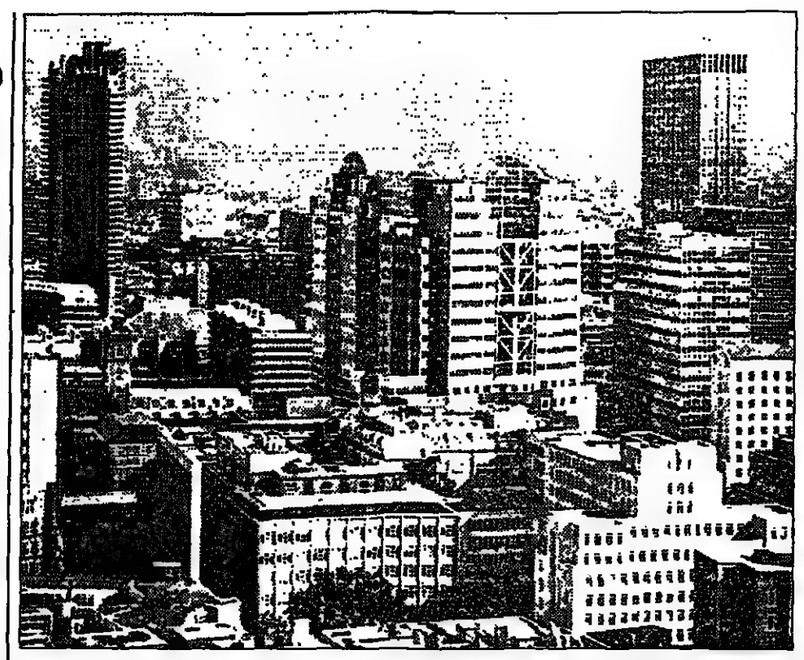
Where high-visibility sites can attract consent for development other than industrial, higher prices are available. Developers are prepared to pay 1.5 times more for land to be developed for B1 use, 2.8 times more for non-food retailing sites and five times higher for food superstore sites.

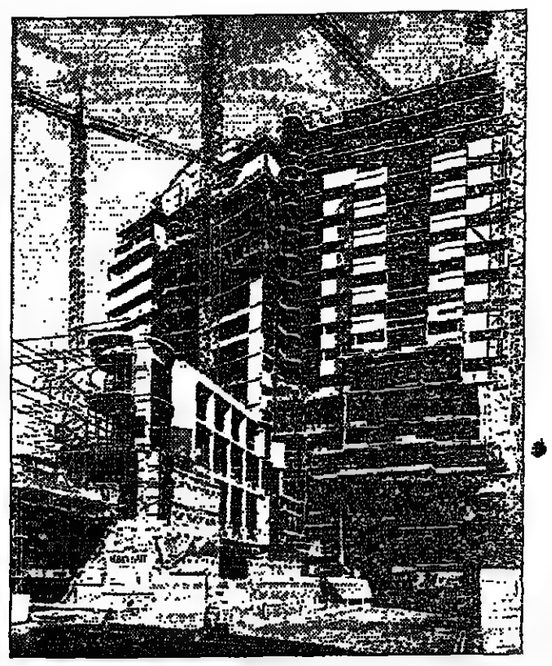
The West Midlands experienced the largest increase, 176 per cent, in industrial land values in the year to November 1989. Healey & Baker say this was mainly the result of sites being purchased at current prices in a market which had seen little activity since the early 1980s. The South-west saw a growth in land values of 88 per cent and the South-east of 28 per cent.

East Anglia had the highest growth in industrial land values over the past 12 years, with a compound growth rate of 20.4 per cent per annum, followed by the West Midlands (20.2 per cent) and the South-west (19.5 per cent).

Healey & Baker expect values to stabilize over the next year in line with the economic slowdown. In 1989 the vacancy rate increased for the first time since 1983, and this is likely to continue as more supply reaches the market, reducing rental growth.

The supply of industrial buildings will adjust as investment decreases due to high interest rates and slow growth, but the supply of mixed-use and B1 buildings is less responsive to economic change because of the longer "lead-in" time for development. However, Mr Organ says: "We anticipate the schemes which were started in the boom will be adequate to meet the demand in 1990."





Alban Gate, MEPC's development at London Wall, London EC2, right, was topped out last week and is due for completion in spring 1991. Above is a model set in a montage of the existing city landscape. The development, for which Mowlem Management Ltd is responsible for the £115 million management contract, was designed by Terry Farrell & Company in consultation with Ove Arup & Partners. It consists of 400,000 sq ft of offices, on 18 floors, grouped around two atria. James Tuckey, managing director of MEPC, said the brief to Terry Farrell was to design a landmark building. "As the form now begins to emerge it is clear that Terry Farrell has responded to the brief with urban flair and architectural innovation." Joint letting agents Baker Harris Saunders and Jones Lang Wootton are quoting a rent of about £45 a sq ft.

Old style for modern offices

BRIEFING

■ Burghley House, on the corner of Tavistock Street in Covent Garden, London WC2, is an impressive Victorian building which has been refurbished by Rowlinson Developments to provide 4,425 sq ft of air-conditioned office accommodation.

The building, with roof terrace views over the piazza, is for sale freehold or on a 25-year lease. The agents, Crossland Otter Hunt and Michael Elliott and Partners, are quoting a rental of £245,000 a year (£55 a sq ft).

■ The developer, Cussins Green Properties, has been given planning consent for what will be one of Gloucester's biggest office schemes, a £17 million complex at Barnwood Fields.

The complex will provide 103,000 sq ft of offices on a five-acre site, and the first phase is due to begin in July, taking a year to complete. Gloucester-based Bruton-Knowles and Chesterton of Bristol are the joint agents for the scheme at Barnwood Fields, a major business park in north Gloucestershire.

■ Whitehorse Court, on Westminster Bridge Road, Waterloo, London SE1, an area with good communications, is the latest office scheme by Haussmann Ling Developments. The development provides 8,455 sq ft on four floors and is designed to provide maximum flexibility suitable for single or multiple occupation.

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Can drivers clean up their act in time?

As ozone levels hit a high, George Hill looks at ways to cut pollution

Cecil Parkinson's vision of a motorists' self-help campaign against the greenhouse effect was received with mixed feelings by conservationists yesterday. The Secretary of State for Transport predicted at a conference on Monday that substantial cuts in carbon dioxide (CO_2) emissions from vehicles could not be achieved in Britain in the next 20 years, but he suggested that drivers could achieve fuel savings of up to 10 per cent by tuning their engines and 15 per cent by changing their driving habits.

"The effect of this kind of action is real, but limited," says Tessa Robertson, of the World Wide Fund for Nature, which organized the conference in London. "People can do a lot by changing the way they drive, but I do not think the full benefits can be gained without tax incentives to encourage better practice."

This week's hot weather highlights the urgency of the issue; ozone levels in London rose above the World Health Organization's recommended safety levels for the first time this year.

Several groups have chosen this month to launch campaigns to raise awareness of traffic pollution. The National Society for Clean Air today starts a 24-hour "Fume Line" (0836 405-100), which the public can phone if they see vehicles emitting excessive fumes. In Nottingham, the local Friends of the Earth and Transport 2000 groups are promoting what they claim will be the first "car-free day" in a British city tomorrow. "I do not think we will see a noticeable reduction in cars coming into the town," says Lisa Kerslake, of Nottinghamshire FOE. "Our aim is to make people aware of the problem."

Mary Blake, of Friends of the Earth, says: "The first thing needed to help you drive more cleanly is to choose the car with the lowest possible fuel consumption. Do not overload it, or create unnecessary wind resistance by carrying a roof rack unless you need it. Then drive smoothly and avoid aggressive driving. There is evidence that using radial rather than cross-ply tyres can bring a fuel saving of 6 to 8 per cent."

The motoring organizations offer broadly similar advice. Clive White, a press officer with the Automobile Association, says: "If a car is driven sensibly, it is possible to make quite considerable savings in fuel use and emissions."

The AA is uncertain about Mr Parkinson's call for better engine tuning, however, and points out that most modern cars have complex systems to control fuel efficiency, which are quite reliable so long as the owner follows the manufacturer's servicing schedules. But it points out that it can be worth checking that older vehicles are still doing as many miles to the gallon as they should.

Sir Colin Buchanan, the former adviser to the Government on traffic planning, agrees that there would be gains if drivers could be taught to drive less assertively. "I would go further than Mr Parkinson," he says. "I think we ought to have a complete overhaul of our shoddy driver-training system."

Research by the WWF suggests that if road users simply observed the existing 70 mph speed limit, fuel consumption would be cut by as much as 2.4 per cent.

NICK GOLDFINGER

Uneasy rider: a London cyclist dons an anti-pollution mask

THE SEARCH FOR ALTERNATIVE POWER

Lotus, the maker of high-performance cars, seems the least likely company to design a car using the same technology which fuels a milk float. Yet it is testing a £42,500 Esprit sports car which could run at 160mph on both petrol and battery power.

The keenest debate among car manufacturers is no longer about how to extract noxious gases from exhaust fumes; this can now be achieved by the catalytic converter, which will be compulsory on all new petrol-fuelled cars within two years. The problem is how to replace, or make better use of, the fuels which emit carbon dioxide, the gas blamed for contributing to global warming, particularly since the Transport Department calculates that traffic will more than double by early in the next century.

Car makers warn that petrol and diesel fuel will still be in use in the year 2000 despite a huge investment in battery technology and clean fuels such as methanol.

Doubts still prevail over the viability of methanol and whether it is better than petrol as a fuel source, although Mercedes-Benz is developing a model which can alternate between the two fuels at the turn of a switch.

The efficient use of electricity to power cars still eludes manufacturers, who cannot discover how to lengthen the life of the unwieldy and heavy batteries needed. General Motors, the world's biggest car maker, is, however, planning an all-electric car, called the Impact, capable of 130 miles to a charge yet with performance similar to that of conventional saloon cars. Power will come from 32 lead-acid batteries stacked in the centre of the car.

Two of Europe's biggest manufacturers, Peugeot and Fiat, will have battery-powered cars on sale in the next few weeks -- both versions of existing petrol-driven models, and claiming up to 100 miles travelling from one overnight charge of batteries.

Given that the average car journey in Britain is about 10 miles, battery power could provide an immediate solution for the environmentally aware commuter. However, the demand for high performance will remain, so travellers will still be faced with the problem of making high speeds over long distances -- something the battery car cannot yet provide.

That leaves two main options in the short term: diesel and "hybrid" cars using a mix of two fuels.

Volkswagen-Audi says diesel is a good option, despite its reputation for smoky and smelly emissions. The latest diesel engines can achieve fuel savings of 30 per cent over petrol, and harmful emissions are much less.

However, the "hybrid" car may be the one which emerges as "the people's choice" in the next few years. Many of the major manufacturers, such as BMW, Audi, VW, and now Lotus, have developed models powered by both batteries and petrol.

A computer sensor under the bonnet decides which fuel is best. On long, high-speed runs in open country, a petrol engine, equipped with a catalytic converter, powers the car, but in towns a battery-driven engine takes over. The petrol engine recharges the batteries, which can also use the mains.

Kevin Eason

LA DISCOVERS THE SKY AGAIN

Los Angeles today: gas-guzzlers jamming the freeways. Result: a pall hanging over the city that makes the air the dirtiest in America.

Los Angeles in the year 2000: electric cars running along underground cables, millions of lorries running on cleaner-burning fuels, petrol stations selling methanol. Result: clear blue skies.

This, at least, is the vision of clean-air campaigners laid out in a plan drawn up by the South Coast Air Quality Management District, which by 2007 would improve visibility in downtown Los Angeles from the present 16 miles to more than 75 miles. By 1998 it aims to have 40 per cent of cars and 70 per cent of lorries and buses running on clean fuels. And by 2008, it wants car makers to produce only vehicles that run on electricity and other alternative fuels.

The visionary scheme has already begun to take shape. Local officials recently announced plans to build an experimental 1,000ft "powered roadway" for electric cars, which could recharge their batteries from a cable running under the road. And the California Rapid Transit District has started to take delivery of a fleet of methanol-fuelled buses.

Car makers and oil companies have taken some well-publicized steps to clean up their image. Last September Arco, the largest oil company on the West Coast, started to market a reformulated petrol called EC-1 to replace leaded petrol used by pre-1975 cars, which lack catalytic converters. Arco claims EC-1 reduces the emission of pollutants by 20 per cent. Both Arco and Chevron have also equipped some service stations with methanol.

Unocal Corp, the Los Angeles-based energy conglomerate, recently went one better by offering to pay $700 each for the first 7,000 pre-1971 cars driven into a local junkyard to be turned into scrap; it also offered owners who turned in their gas-guzzlers a one-month bus pass. But more traditional methods may eventually help Los Angeles control the scourge of exhaust fumes. Later this year, citizens will vote on whether to double the state's tax on petrol.

James Bone

Tradition dawns in Oxford

After only two years, the alternative May Morning looks like becoming a fixture

May Day, of all traditional festivals, has had shocking liberties taken with it. Turned into a prosaic Bank Holiday, cavalierly moved to May 7 for the convenience of business, decried by right-wing MPs as a satanic communist festival, the sweet old festival of spring has had a hard time. Even in one of its last bastions, Oxford, there are signs of rot setting in.

What should happen -- and does, up to a point -- is that the choir of Magdalen climb their high tower above the river and, at the stroke of 6am, sing a hymn. Then flowered undergraduates and Morris-dancers crowd the streets until breakfast time, and the Oxford summer has officially arrived. However, by last year the street festival had become so meaningless, rackety, drunken and polluted by blaringly amplified rock music that a group of disgruntled Oxonians, led by the sculptor Michael Black, set up a rival May Morning ceremony. He commandeered the tiny, arched Aristotle Bridge over the canal, a mile from the heaving crowds, and erected a 25ft-high replica of Magdalen Tower in wood and canvas. The Headington Quarry Morris Men threw in their lot with the Aristotle faction, and a crowd of 150 conducted their own dignified little ceremony. It appears to have been Year One of a new tradition.

For yesterday morning the chimes of six o'clock again rang out sweet and true from a peal of six carefully-tuned lengths of scaffolding pole suspended inside the canvas tower. The sun painted it the honey-gold of Headington stone with sudden, startling authenticity, and the tiny white face of a lone chorister appeared between the pinnacles. It was, in fact, a knotted handkerchief tacked to a pole, with a face drawn on it with Biro, but the effect charmed the rebel crowd which had assembled on the little bridge to sing "Now is the month of Maying" with enthusiastic fal-la-las.

Meanwhile, in the city centre, the police fought their own measured battle against hooligan takeover of the morning. Black's faction had no such competition up on Aristotle Bridge But clearly, if the excesses of the main May Morning are to be curbed, the breakaway revellers will need a secret weapon to maintain their support.

They have one. At 6.15, just as interest was beginning to wane and teenagers in flowered hats were considering defecting, a low rumbling sound and an eerie, supernatural mooing heralded the appearance of a life-sized plaster ox garlanded in May-blossom and ridden by a self-possessed six-year-old May Queen, Georgina Bell-Black.

This animal, a model for Black's projected bizarre bronze ox statue for the city, was hauled by four strong men and attached to a giant bellows, which produced the mournful moo via a car manifold and a battered organ-pipe. The teenagers decided to stay. Followed by a growing crowd, the great bull was heaved through the dancers and on to the bridge beneath the slightly swaying canvas tower. It sloshed, slightly, and when expert hands manipulated a tap in its plaster pizzle, it was revealed as holding 18 gallons of best bitter.

"What is this?" asked a lone French tourist. "I am staying in this hotel, I go to May morning, a man tell me there is a better May morning up here, so I come." She took a photograph. "The ox," a donnish woman said judicially. "I don't think that has any particular May Day significance, has it?"

"Laden with it, madam! Laden with it!" boomed the sculptor, appearing beneath its pendulous undercarriage.

There is no point making special arrangements to attend this alternative traditionalist May Morning next year. Black refuses to be committed. It may even change bridges, and reappear somewhere else entirely. Traditions don't always decay or fossilize. Sometimes they are born, too.

Libby Purves

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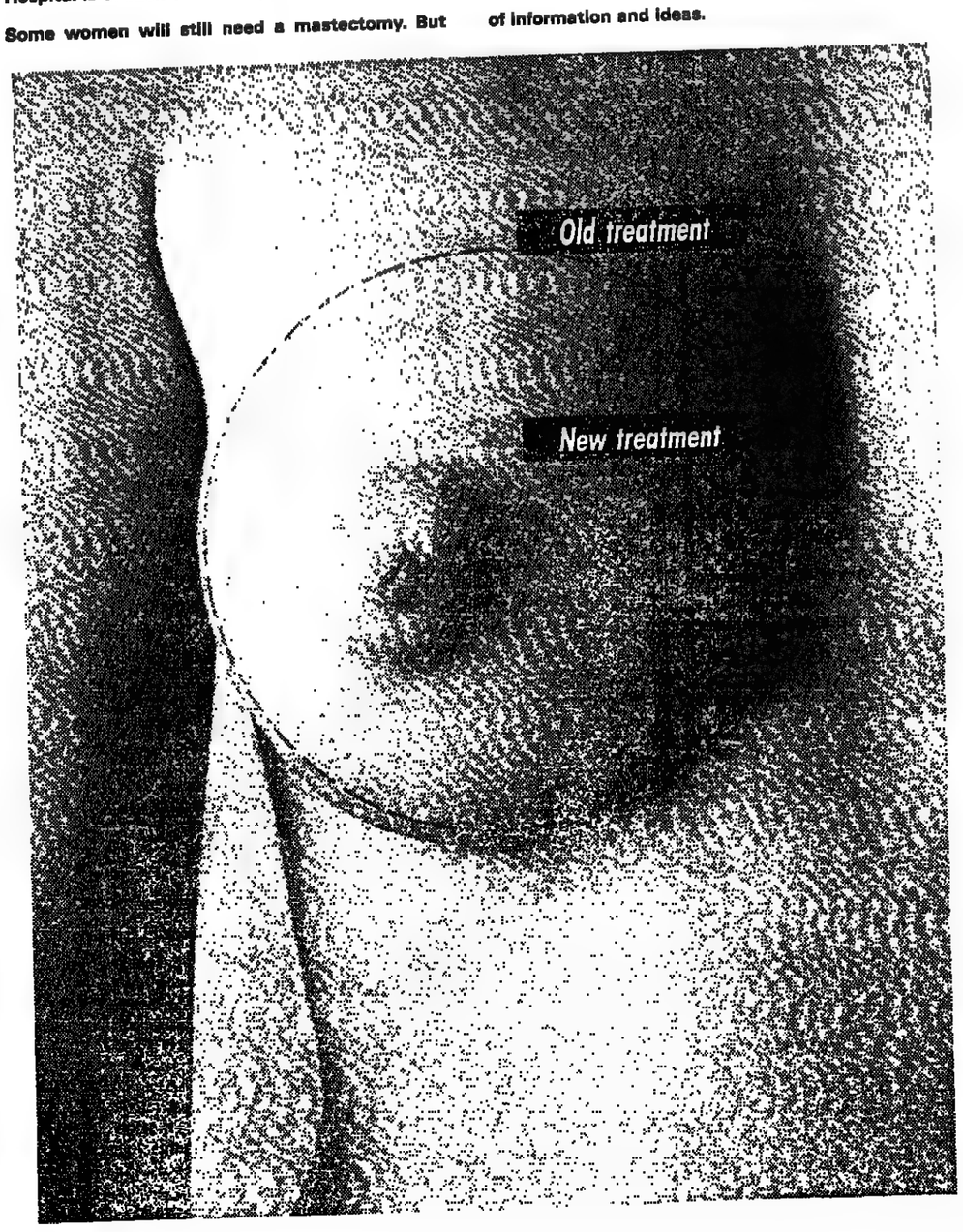

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BROADCAST

Brian Wenham

As the Broadcasting Bill returns to the Commons, independent producers still hope to consolidate further their position. The Bill gives independents 25 per cent access to most television production. What the producers now argue about is the terms of this trade. In particular, can they be guaranteed sizeable rights in ongoing programme exploitation? Not for the first time, the model is the American one.

In the United States, financial interest rules still severely restrict the extent to which networks may take a position in after-sales. As a consequence, it is argued, there is a thriving secondary market. Without such a market, rapid deployment of additional satellite and cable services might have been thwarted. So, should not such a system be applied to us, now that we find ourselves with acres of airtime?

The lobbying by the independents is persistent and understandable. What is harder to understand is the studied silence of the broadcasting networks, not only on this particular point but over the position of the independents in general. The BBC once promised explicitly a careful analysis of comparative costs and comparative quality so that a rational and open debate could take place. Apparently the data is hard for analysts to handle. So no report, and no debate.

There are two points on which broadcast networks should seek to offer clarity. First, do independent quotas do much damage to economies of scale? ITV's economies were of course frequently vitiated by *louche* industrial practice, but the BBC's operational efficiencies were rightly proclaimed by Michael Checkland in earlier managerial days as unrivalled in the developed television world. Is that still the case?

Then, as we edge towards the 25 per cent target, what do broadcasters say about consistency of quality? Clearly the sheer expansion of broadcast hours has led everywhere to a boom in inexpensive programming, what Paul Bonner of the ITVA calls paperback TV as against hardback. But in the hardback areas of higher-cost shows, where expectations are greater, what does the record show? And, in particular, how far is any freshness that independents offer offset by waywardness?

One school of contemporary argument says that this last point no longer matters. The rules for independent access specifically exempt News and Current Affairs in their daily manifestations. So the editorial heartland would seem secure. The proferred analogy is with the Press. A paper may parade an idiosyncratic swirl of commentators and columnists, but provided the newsflow and the leader page remain under the editor's firm control then the soul of the enterprise is judged not to be at risk.

The analogy, like most analogies with press/broadcasting, is unhelpful. Broadcast networks serve a broader purpose than newspapers. Their commitment both to entertain and to enlighten looms larger. So, when we think of broadcasting's heartland, we think, too, of Granada's range of fiction, of LWT's arts, of the BBC's natural history, its serials, its comedy (often, if not always), and (massively these spring weekends) its sport. How far may these operations, and a score of others that could be substituted, lose clout once a quarter of the workload is borne by others?

One should concede in passing that the outgoing system is a fairly flexible affair. Especially in the world of fiction, actors, directors, writers, come and go, back and forth across channel divides to wherever the work seems most challenging and attractive, and always have. To that extent the freelance world and the independent world are kissing cousins, and there is perhaps minor significance in change.

But in major companies, crucially underpinning these transient talents has lain steady and skilled craft support, from cameramen and recordists, from editors and dubbing specialists, from designers, costumiers and make-up. Whenever a British programme has bounded round the world to growing applause, it has been their work, alongside that of the better-known stars, that has been singled out for praise. Under the new conditions, is such work in significant jeopardy?

Craftsmen may nowadays be following producers so willingly into independence that the end result is bound to be a loose-limbed casualized industry, come what may. And it may be that consequent worries about training, about consistency, about sustained style, are simply old-hat in the multi-channel conditions of the 1990s. But any broadcasters who still assert that quality is a higher good than quotas had better leave coyness behind and spell out the implications now, before the writing on the wall becomes the wording in the Bill.

Hazards of health warnings

Will red tape strangle the humorous, snappy radio commercial?

Richard Evans reports

Sir Humphrey Appleby and his fellow mandarins in Whitehall would be delighted with the Consumer Credit (Advertising) Regulations. Nationwide Anglia does not share their enthusiasm.

Britain's second largest building society, which helped pioneer humorous and effective radio commercials promoting products ranging from mortgages to savings and investment schemes, is seriously considering dropping the £2 million spent annually on radio advertising. And can you blame Nationwide?

Snappy 30-second advertisements face being reduced to boring gobbledegook thanks to the men from the ministry — in this case the Department of Trade and Industry.

The new regulations, which came into force in February, mean a typical Nationwide Anglia radio commercial must include a disclaimer, read out on air, that says:

"Mortgages (or loans) subject to status, valuation, security and sometimes to a suitable life or mortgage guarantee policy. Written quotations available from Nationwide Anglia Building Society, Chesterfield House, Bloomsbury Way, London.

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Reading that out takes between 13 and 15 seconds. Any message aimed at consumers is likely to be rendered ineffective by a disclaimer giving the impression that everything is not as it should be. One commercial radio station has already lost £10,000 worth of building society advertising and expects to lose £100,000 in revenue over the next year.

The consumer credit disclaimer is only the latest example of a "health warning" which Whitehall or Brussels says must be included in television, radio and press advertisements — and many more are in the pipeline.

The Advertising Association has identified a host of industries and services where the EC is threatening the "freedom to advertise", including tobacco, food, pharmaceuticals, alcohol, cars and financial services.

Brian West, the director of the Association of Independent Radio Contractors, says: "People in government here or in Europe seem hell-bent on legislating a lot of advertising out of existence. It is not a question of removing what might be misleading claims, which has been the way of regulating advertising in the past. They are giving us a form of words which must be included in an advert, come hell or high water. Overall it is a worrying situation.

"With the consumer credit regulations you are having to add words, which means you have to cut other things out or add to the length of the advert, which will cost more. The disclaimer numbs the effect of the advert and turns off listeners. We have suggested a shorter form of words to the DTI, but they have said no."

Although health warnings first appeared for tobacco products long ago, the regulation of advertisements has tended to concentrate on what should be excluded — such as misleading claims — rather than what should be included.

But over the past two years advertisements for goods, ranging from pesticides to children's toys, weight-loss products and telephone equipment, have had to carry warnings. The Financial Services Act contains reams of instructions on what must appear in advertisements.

Many of the obligatory inserts are the result of lobbying by consumer and pressure groups. But taken together, do they help or hinder consumers?

"Each health warning has perfectly respectable parentage and perfectly legitimate objectives and fulfils real or perceived consumer protection needs. But taken altogether, they do the reverse and reduce consumer choice," said one senior official from the Independent Broadcasting Authority, which vets commercials on ITV and Channel 4.

The Incorporated Society of British Advertisers plans a campaign against the plethora of health warnings and disclaimers.

Ken Miles, the ISBA director, said: "What we object to is a tendency for people to say 'This is how you must put it'. That is a very negative line of thought. It doesn't work for consumers and it won't help companies to get across the positive element of their products.

"We are mobilizing the views of companies on all the restrictions and the desire to censure what they have to say about themselves and their products."

Mr Miles does not criticise groups lobbying on behalf of consumers, but says the danger emerges when there is little or no discussion on remedies to problems.

"What we are trying to put forward is the view that if an over-simple remedy is applied, that will often not work and have a long-term damaging effect, which the pressure groups do not want."

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MEDIA

Maxwell's European campaign

The first issue of *The European* appears next week. Charles Wintour spoke to its Editor in Chief about his plans

Robert Maxwell, looking several inches wider round the waist since we last talked some three years ago, had just finished being interviewed by Emma Freud for *The Media Show*. Now it was my turn. "How much space is Peter Jenkins giving you?", he enquired, momentarily giving the distinguished columnist of *The Independent* unexpected influence over the media pages of *The Times*.

But when we started talking about the prospects for *The European*, the publication he is launching on May 11, he had all the arguments virtually word-perfect. He conceived the idea 10 years — no, 22 years ago, in the first Dubcek era. "It is right that *The European* should be launched in the year when Dubcek is re-elected as president of the Czechoslovak Federated Parliament."

I said the dummy looked quite good. "Good?" he said. "It is *brilliant!*" He explained that the colour was even better than "Mirror colour" or anything "Rupert" would produce, because the paper had pioneered the use of Scitex equipment. Normally each colour picture in a newspaper needed three different colour separations, involving much time and money, together with some loss of definition. With Scitex it was "all done in one pass, with no loss of definition . . . It's a very major point. Everyone, whether they like the paper or not, will have to say that it's the best-looking on the block."

So where was the company based that had made this remarkable advance? "Israel," he replied, "and you are talking to the chairman." He beamed, and reflected, "I bought two companies there and have made $100 million in six months."

And how far did Europe stretch for *The European*? "To Vladivostok!", he replied expansively. We were sitting in his 10th floor living room in the London Maxwell House; there were four marble columns by the doors, two large bronze urns, three large very comfortable sofas, a *chaise-longue*, two square bronze glass-topped coffers, two round tables, plenty of chairs, a smallish bronze elephant and plenty of flowers, stylishly arranged. It was impossible not to feel a little expansive in such surroundings. Then he added: "From the Urals to Bordeaux, from Istanbul to Leningrad, from Cyprus to . . ." After a pause, I suggested Iceland. "Yes, Iceland, that will do. I didn't know you were a geographer."

The sale of 225,000, guaranteed to advertisers for the first six months, is regarded as modest. "Our research shows that there are 50 million English speakers in Europe," he said. "Demand will be far higher than anyone has given us credit." The initial print run will be a million plus and "indications are" that it will continue at that level for a month. Yet some critics had "concentrated on rubbishing it because it is a Maxwell publication and the bearded [or did he say 'weirded'?] Left love nothing better than hating me".

He is particularly irked, however, by the widely mooted suggestion that, because the *London Daily News* folded after only five months, prospects for *The European* are clouded. "The editorial was *excellent*". Mr Maxwell blames the printing and distribution arrangements which undoubtedly made the newspaper uncompetitive on the streets. As editorial consultant on the project, I must add that the 24-hour concept, placing a heavy extra burden on the editorial staff as well as vastly increasing costs, was an additional factor. The whole production cycle became a licence to lose money. This time round, Mr Maxwell has learnt the lesson. *The European* is not the daily that was originally conceived, but a weekly; and printing will take place, initially, in Paris, West Germany and Hungary as well as at the Mirror plant outside London. Seventy members of the editorial staff will be based in London and the remaining 30 to 40 in Europe. In financial terms, it is a much more modest operation than the *LDN*.

All the same, £10 million is being spent on promotion during the launch and following year. Although Mr Maxwell figures in the promotional video, issued to advertisers, he is not this time appearing in the television campaign, devised by Young & Rubicam. "It was never even discussed," he assured me. Financial break-even is budgeted for Year Three, but Mr Maxwell would not be surprised if it came at the end of Year One.

What about the editorial? The paper's fact sheet states: "*The European* will support all those in favour of European Unity and oppose all those who are against. *The European* will be independent and free of party politics."

Doesn't that suggest the paper will be anti-Thatcher? Mr Maxwell explained that Mrs Thatcher has rendered three great services to Britain. She has taught the trade union barons that economic laws apply to them as much as to the rest of the country. She has defeated Labour in three successive General Elections and thus compelled the party to shed all its useless ideological luggage, and become a modern, electable, social democratic party. And, until inflation returned, she had restored some pride in being British. "However, on Europe she has got it wrong. If she won't change, then her party will disown her or Denis Thatcher will ask her to give up and retire, or she may decide that for herself. But this paper will be scrupulously careful *not* to mix up party politics with our stance on Europe. At the next General Election, we will leave our readers to decide for themselves."

Mr Maxwell had two further thoughts: "I think if you talk to No 10 you will find they are satisfied *The European* will not be an automatic knee-jerker against the Tories", and "Don't forget that Ian Watson [the Editor], is not a natural Labour supporter. That is one of the reasons he was chosen."

And what would be the relationship between the Editor in Chief and the Editor? Mr Watson would be in exactly the same position as he was once to Lord Hartwell, then Editor in Chief of the *Telegraph*. I said it was my impression that Lord Hartwell had sometimes become too immersed in detail. "The only difference is that I won't deal with a terrible amount of detail. But I am the guarantor to the Europeans that this is not just an English charade."

Mr Maxwell talked eloquently about Europe. "I am a passionate believer in Europe. I understand the Europeans. I came from central Europe. Now Gorbachov has admitted that communism has failed irretrievably and the cold war is at an end. Pluralism and democracy, free markets and capitalism, are on the march. I am excited by the opportunities in Europe. That is why I passionately believe in the need for this newspaper. We will make all national newspapers give more space to Europe. We *have* to give more space to Europe because what's going on there is so exciting."

And who will be reading it? "The opinion-formers, the movers and shakers." It is never easy to judge prospects on a dummy, but I am not sure that in Britain the paper will be sufficiently compelling as a weekend read to gather 150,000 buyers in a highly competitive market. It would be ironic if, having got the production and distribution sorted out this time, the editorial was the weak spot.

But I am sure Mr Maxwell will stand by this project until it succeeds. Mirror Group Newspapers, in whose stable *The European* is quartered, is making "in excess of one million a week", and the company still has its Reuter shares. (When Mr Maxwell took it over in 1984, the group was making an annual profit of £800,000 on a turnover of £300 million.) Furthermore, Mr Maxwell assured me, planning permission for the redevelopment of the valuable Holborn Circus site, in London, had been given. The *Mirror* editorial offices will be re-located in Worship Street. "*There's* a scoop for *The Times*," he said, beaming hugely. Robert Maxwell was enjoying himself again.

MICHAEL POWELL

Maxwell's and his European mirror: "Everyone, whether they like the paper or not, will have to say that it's the best-looking on the block"

The BBC sweeps the board

A bouquet makes a change from the brickbats

BBC Radio, the underrated jewel in the corporation crown, surpassed itself this week. The four stations managed to scoop 27 of the 33 Sony Radio Awards — a remarkable achievement by any standards *(Richard Evans, Media Editor, writes)*.

Some Conservative MPs never miss a chance to have a swipe at Auntie, whether for supposed "bias" on Radio 4's *Today* programme or for an "anti-Government" slant in a documentary.

However certain BBC governors and senior managers are that *Today* and similar challenging programmes amount to first-rate journalism, a nagging doubt begins to enter even the most resolute minds following the drip-drip-drip of political criticism.

It must, therefore, have been especially pleasing for BBC executives to have seen *Today* win the best daily news award, and share the prize for the best response to a news event for its handling of the Romanian revolution.

Jenny Abramsky, the editor of news and current affairs at BBC radio, said: "We are very proud of our success. The *Today* programme has received some brickbats, but this is a further endorsement from an independent organization of the programme's quality and integrity."

Other awards for BBC radio's current affairs coverage went to the BBC reporter James Miles for his coverage of the demonstrations in Tiananmen Square last year. Radio 4 also won the award for the best documentary feature for its report "The Indissoluble Union — Cotton, Chemicals and Corruption".

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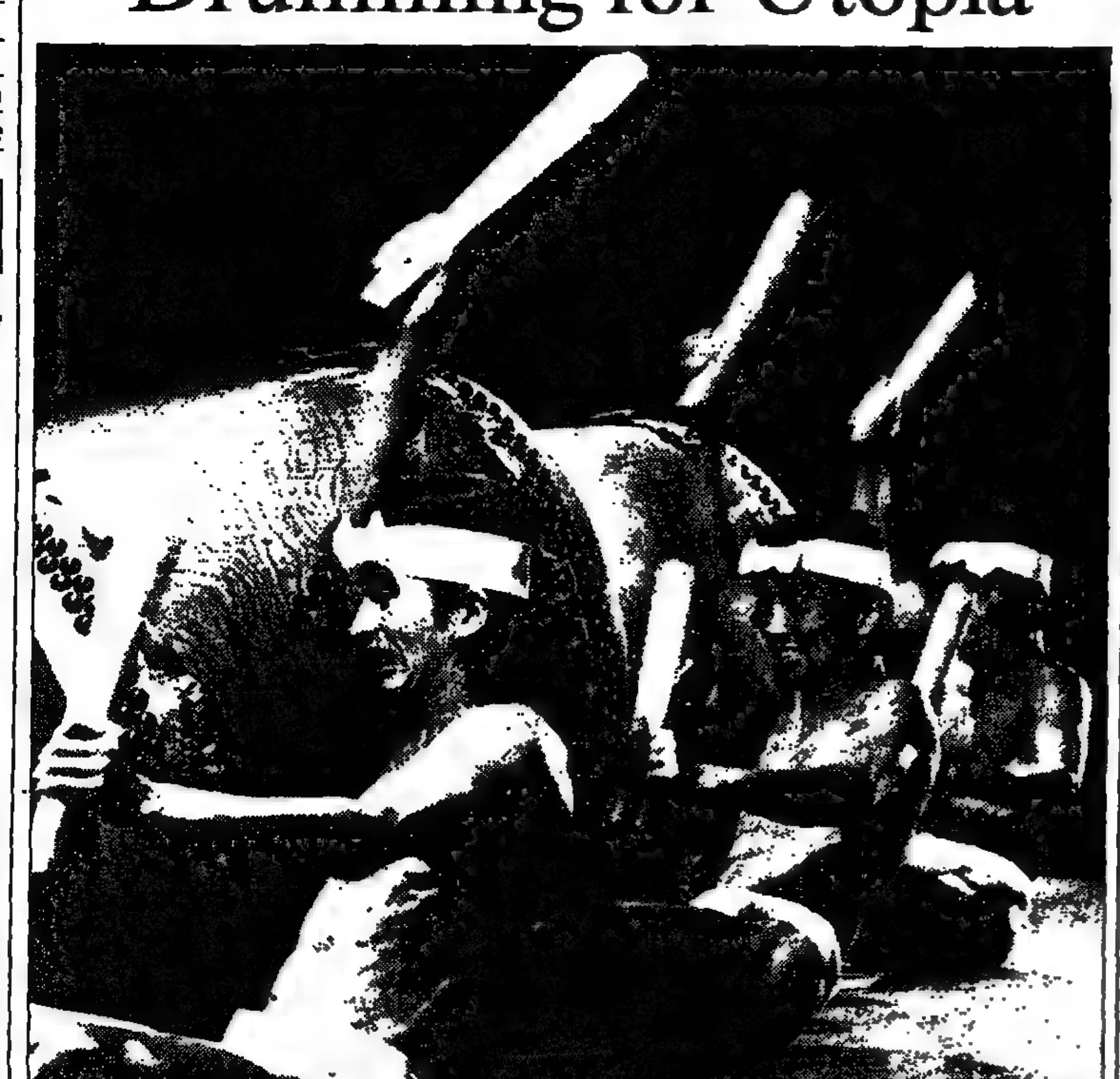

Thanks to Clive James and his obsession with an absurd television game show called *Endurance*, the Japanese are now seen as a people who will inflict extreme punishments upon themselves for the sake of enjoyment. The **Kodo** company does not exactly contradict the stereotype: based since 1971 on the Japanese island of Sado (a name which itself invites an obvious suffix: masochism), this community of fitness fanatics, deep greens and devoted percussionists has developed an extraordinarily dramatic, ritualistic musical form based around varying sizes of traditional Japanese drums. The music is not strictly a Japanese tradition, but shows signs of influences from Java, Korea, Trinidadian steel-bands and the master African drummers of Burundi. Its severely controlled dynamics and thunderous climaxes glorify the idea of a unified community that lives in harmony with the earth. This simple Utopianism, along with the stirring noise, the visual theatre of the Taiko drums, especially the huge O-Daiko, and the chastening sight of so much energy and muscle all add up to a thrilling and very popular spectacle. "Let's experience the energy of the earth together" is the invitation proffered by Kodo. In these green-conscious times, this is an effective rallying cry. Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (071-279 8916). Underground/BR: Farringdon and Angel. From Monday until May 19. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat May 12, 2.30pm, £4-£16.

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Tonight: Leas Cliff Hall, The Leas, Folkestone (0303 54695), 7.30pm, £6.50. Tomorrow: White Rock Theatre, White Rock, Hastings, (0424 722755), 7.15pm, £6.50-£8.50. Fri: St Albans City Hall, Civic Centre, (0727 61078), 7.30pm, £6. Sat: Newtown Gate Theatre, Tagel Mead, Basildon (0268 532632), 7.30pm, £6.50-£7.50. Sun: Town & Country, 8-17 Highgate Road, London NW5 (071-284 0303), 7.30pm, £7.50.

ENERGY ORCHARD: Tuneful Belfast rock band with more memorable songs than U2 and Simple Minds put together
Thurs: The Venue, 15-21 Calton Road, Edinburgh (031 557 3073), 9pm, £4. Sat: Strathclyde University, 90 John Street, Glasgow (041 552 1895), 9pm, £3. Sun: Trent Polytechnic, Byron House, Shakespeare Street, Nottingham (0602 476725), 8pm, £7.50. Sun: Grand Opera House, Cumberland Street, York (0904 654654), 7.30pm, £7.50

THE JOHN LENNON TRIBUTE: Galaxy of stars each playing one of the ex-Beatle's songs to commemorate what would have been his fiftieth birthday later this year. All proceeds go to the Spirit Foundation, set up by Lennon in 1978. The line-up includes Lou Reed, Al Green, Joe Cocker, Dave Edmunds, Hall & Oates, Lenny Kravitz, Roberta Flack, Cyndi Lauper and Natalie Cole.
Sat: Pier Head, Liverpool (051 231 1010/051 255 0910), 8pm, £25

TOP 10 UK SINGLES

1	(1)	Vogue	Madonna, *Sire*
2	(3)	Opposites Attract	Paula Abdul, *Siren*
3	(2)	Black Velvet	Alannah Myles, *Atlantic/East West*
4	(7)	Killer	Adamski, *MCA*
5	(11)	Dirty Cash	Adventures of Stevie V, *Mercury*
6	(5)	Kingston Town	UB40, *Dep International*
7	(4)	The Power	Snap, *Arista*
8	(-)	A Dream's a Dream	Soul II Soul, *10 Records*
9	(8)	All I Wanna Do is Make Love to You	Heart, *Capitol*
10	(10)	Ghetto Heaven	Family Stand, *Atlantic/East West*

TOP 10 UK ALBUMS

1	(1)	Only Yesterday	Carpenters, *A&M*
2	(-)	Life	Inspiral Carpets, *Cow/Mute*
3	(5)	. . . But Seriously	Phil Collins, *Virgin*
4	(3)	Alannah Myles	Alannah Myles, *Atlantic/East West*
5	(12)	Vivaldi: Four Seasons	Nigel Kennedy/ECO, *EMI*
6	(2)	Behind the Mask	Fleetwood Mac, *Warner Bros*
7	(-)	Everybody Knows	Sonia, *Chrysalis*
8	(8)	Labour of Love II	UB40, *Dep International*
9	(9)	Brigade	Heart, *Capitol*
10	(10)	Absolutely	ABC, *Neutron*

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JAZZ
Clive Davis

AN EVENING FOR LEN SKEAT: Spike Robinson, Maxine Daniels and the Pizza Express All Stars lead the fund-raising concert for the stalwart bass-player, who recently suffered a heart attack.
Tonight: 100 Club, 100 Oxford Street, London W1 (071-636 0933), 7.30pm-midnight, £5.

RONNIE SCOTT'S CLUB: Brash fusion band Roadside Picnic are in residence until Monday, to be succeeded by jazz-funk vibes-player Roy Ayers
Tonight: 47 Frith Street, London W1 (071-439 0747), 9.30pm, Mon-Thurs £10 (members £2), Fri-Sat £12 (members £6).

ISLE OF BUTE JAZZ FESTIVAL: A glorious location for a weekend of traditional, mainstream and big band music
Fri-Sun: various venues, Isle of Bute (info: 0700 3846/84283), weekend ticket £15.

BRIGHTON JAZZ FESTIVAL: Twenty-five days of music launched by the Stan Tracey Octet, Brian Abrahams's District Six (Sat) and the Dave Cliff/Geoff Simkins Quintet (Sun).
From Fri: Brighton Jazz Club, Concorde Restaurant, Madeira Drive, by Palace Pier (0273 606460), 9pm (Sun 8pm), £2-£6.

JON CORBETT: The avant-garde trumpeter kicks off the first of four Friday sessions, starting with a trio featuring drummer Louis Moholo
Fri: **Jazzhaus**, Duke of Wellington, 119 Balls Pond Road, London N1 (info 071 833 1269), 9.30pm, £3

BENNY WATERS: An impressible octogenarian, still burning up the saxophone solos
Fri: **Pizza Express**, 10 Dean Street, London W1 (071-439 8722), 9.30pm, £6. Sat: A Night At The Cotton Club (with Harlem, Juanita Brooks and the Jiving Lindyhoppers), Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (071-638 8891), 7.45pm, £6.50-£12.50. Sun: Solihull Arts Festival, Library Exhibition Hall, Homer Road (info 021-704 6962) 7.30pm, £5 on door

DUKE ELLINGTON ANNIVERSARY CONCERT: This year's event features early Ellington from the Midnite Follies Orchestra, directed by Keith Nichols and Alan Cohen
Mon: Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800) 7.45pm, £5-£10

BIG BAND SWING: An eclectic programme with the Shades of Kenton Orchestra, Roberto Pla's Latin Ensemble and the Squadronaires
Mon: Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (071-638 8891), 7.45pm, £6.50-£12.50

SHEILA JORDAN: First of two three-night stints from the American singer who can be heard on the classic Blue Note re-issue, *Portrait of Sheila*
Tue: Bass Clef, 35 Coronet Street, London N1 (071 729 2476), 8.45pm, £5

WORLD MUSIC
David Toop

DAVY SPILLANE: A new album *Shadow Hunter*, should give this brilliant Irish Uillean pipes and whistle player some of the spotlight he deserves. His solos have graced the work of Kate Bush, Enya and Van Morrison, among others
Fri: The Refectory, Deiniol Road, Bangor University (0248 362075), 8pm, £4.50. Sun: Caesar's Palace, Crown Street, Aberdeen (0224 210286), 9pm, £5. Mon: Queen's Hall, South Clerk Street, Edinburgh (031 6682019), 7.30pm, £6.60. Tues: City Hall, Candleriggs, Glasgow (041 2275511), 7.30pm, £6.

MAKVIRAG: Multi-instrumental trio from Hungary who play Eastern European traditional music
Tomorrow: Islington Folk Club, The George, Liverpool Road, London N1 (081 881 0828), 8pm, £3.50. Sun: The Sticks, Anchor Inn, Wingham, Canterbury (0843 821859), 8pm, £2.50

SAM MANGWANA: Born in Kinshasa, Mangwana worked with two of the greats of Zaire music — Tabu Ley and Franco — before leaving the country to work in West Africa and Europe. This evening, a tribute to the late Franco, promises to be non-stop Soukous
Sat: Town and Country Club, Highgate Road, London NW5 (071-284 0303), 8pm, £8.50

ROKOTO: Abdul Tee-Jay's hardworking Sierra Leonean band headlines this May Day gala. Also featured are Miro and Hamish Moore with Dick Lee.
Sun: The Winding Wheel, Chesterfield Town Centre (0246 277181), 7pm, £5

GOD'S LITTLE MONKEYS: Boisterous quartet who play new wave folk with caustic lyrics and a frenetic post-punk edge
Tomorrow: The Buzz Club, The Southern, Nell Lane, Chorlton, Manchester (061 8817048) 8.30pm, £3. Sat: Man In The Moon, Norfolk Street, Cambridge, (0223 210677), 8pm, £3.50. Sun: The Charterhouse, London Road, Coventry (0203 257350) midday-6pm, £1.50.

MADDY PRIOR: A constant in the fluctuating line-ups of Steeleye Span, Maddy Prior has also worked in a vocal duo with June Tabor. Her partner here is Backroom Boys' bassist Mick Kemp.
Mon: Burnley Mechanics, Manchester Road, Burnley (0282 30055) 8pm, £4

Compiled by Karl Knight

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's selection of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country.

NEW RELEASES

COLD FEET (15): Wayward comedy drama about three petty criminals in Montana, co-written by novelist Tom McGuane with Tom Waits, Keith Carradine, Sally Kirkland. Directed by odd-ball talent Robert Dornhelm
ICA Cinema (01 930 3647)

THE KRAYS (18): Brooding, bloody drama about the rise and fall of the East End gangsters, from war time childhood to incarceration in separate prisons. Peter Medak directs an imaginatively chosen cast: Gary and Martin Kemp, Billie Whitelaw
Camden Parkway (01 267 7034) Cannon Chelsea (01 352 5096) Odeons: Kensington (01 602 6644/5) Swiss Cottage (01 722 5905) West End (01 930 5252/7615) Whiteleys (01 792 3303/3324)

MONSIEUR HIRE (15): Intense, stylish version of Simenon novel about a bachelor's dark obsession with his neighbour: a striking achievement by director Patrice Leconte, previously known for comedies. With Michel Blanc and Sandrine Bonnaire
Lumiere (01 836 0691)

NEXT OF KIN (15): A Kentucky clan fights the Mafia. Patrick Swayze vehicle, partly saved by John Irvin's direction, with Liam Neeson, Adam Baldwin
Cannons: Chelsea (01 352 5096) Oxford Street (01-636 0310) Warner West End (01 439 0791)

CURRENT

◆ **ALL DOGS GO TO HEAVEN (U):** Disjointed, unappealing cartoon fantasy about a low-life dog returning from the dead
Cannon Panton Street (01 930 0631) Odeons: Leicester Square (01 930 6111) Whiteleys (01 792 3303/3324)

◆ **ALWAYS (PG):** Spielberg's plush but pointless remake of *A Guy Named Joe* with Richard Dreyfuss as a dead pilot returning to earth
Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636) Plaza (01-497 9999) Whiteleys (01-792 3303/3324)

◆ **BILL AND TED'S EXCELLENT ADVENTURE (PG):** Amiable if witless comedy about time-travelling, woolly-headed teenagers. Keanu Reeves, Alex Winter
Cannons: Oxford Street (01-636 0310) Panton Street (01 930 0631) Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905)

◆ **BORN ON THE FOURTH OF JULY (18):** Dynamic anti-Vietnam epic from Oliver Stone, with Tom Cruise excellent as paraplegic Ron Kovic
Plaza (01-497 9999)

CELIA (15): Powerful Australian portrait of a rebellious child in a restrictive society. Striking debut by director Ann Turner
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01 636 6148) Metro (01-437 0757)

CINEMA PARADISO (PG): Giuseppe Tornatore's nostalgic tale of a small Sicilian cinema: a hugely appealing salute to the movies.
Curzons: Mayfair (01-465 8865) West End (01-439 4805)

◆ **DEAD POETS SOCIETY (PG):** Anarchic poetry versus stuffy academia. Peter Weir's naive drama, galvanized by a puckish Robin Williams
Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631)

◆ **DRIVING MISS DAISY (U):** Sweet, endearing film of Alfred Uhry's play about a refined Southern lady (Jessica Tandy) and her black chauffeur (Morgan Freeman). Directed by Bruce Beresford
Barbican (01-638 8891) Camden Parkway (01 267 7034) Cannon Fulham Road (01 370 2636) Minema (01 235 4225) Notting Hill Coronet (01 727 6705) Screen on Baker Street (01 935 2772) Warner (01-439 0791) Whiteleys (01-792 3303/3324)

ENEMIES, A LOVE STORY (15): Isaac Bashevis Singer's novel about a Holocaust survivor's complicated love life, skilfully filmed by Paul Mazursky. Ron Silver, Anjelica Huston
Odeon Haymarket (01-839 7697) Screen on the Hill (01-435 3366)

◆ **THE FABULOUS BAKER BOYS (15).** Highly diverting fireworks between a blonde singer (Michelle Pfeiffer) and two cocktail pianists (Jeff and Beau Bridges)
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 8861) Odeons: Kensington (01-602 6644/5) Leicester Square (01-930 6111)

◆ **GLORY (15).** Edward Zwick's impassioned salute to the black Americans who fought in the Civil War: powerful performances.
Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631)

HENRY V (PG): Visually drab version of Shakespeare's play from wunderkind Kenneth Branagh, who directs and stars. With Paul Scofield, Emma Thompson, Judi Dench
Curzon Phoenix (01 240 9661)

◆ **HONEY, I SHRUNK THE KIDS (U):** Minuscule children battle through their garden to safety. Engaging special effects romp
Cannon Panton Street (01 930 0631)

THE HUNT FOR RED OCTOBER (PG): Sean Connery as a Soviet submarine commander trying to defect. Ponderous pre-glasnost drama.
Cannons: Baker Street (01 935 9772) Fulham Road (01 370 2636) Empire (01 497 9999) Whiteleys (01 792 3303/3324)

JAMES BALDWIN: THE PRICE OF THE TICKET (PG): Powerful documentary portrait of the American writer
Riverside Studios (01 748 3354)

JESUS OF MONTREAL (18): An updated version of a Passion Play causes controversy in Montreal. Strained satirical fireworks from Denys Arcand, Canadian director of *The Decline of the American Empire*
Premiere (01 439 4470) Renoir (01 837 8402)

◆ **LOOK WHO'S TALKING (12):** Infantile comedy about an unmarried mum and her talking baby. John Travolta, Kirstie Alley and Bruce Willis's voice
Cannons: Chelsea (01 352 5096) Haymarket (01 839 1527) Oxford Street (01 636 0310) Odeons: Kensington (01-602 6644/5) Marble Arch (01 723 2011) Leicester Square (01 930 6111) Swiss Cottage (01 722 5905) Warner West End (01-439 0791) Whiteleys (01 792 3303/3324)

McCABE AND MRS MILLER (18): Revival of Robert Altman's moody Western of a gambler (Warren Beatty) establishing a bordello in a mining town. With Julie Christie
Camden Plaza (01-485 2443)

MY LEFT FOOT (15): The Christy Brown story: uplifting fare, marvellously acted, with Oscar winners Daniel Day Lewis and Brenda Fricker
Odeon Kensington (01 602 6644/5) Premiere (01 439 4470) Screen on Baker Street (01 935 2772) Whiteleys (01 792 3303/3324)

MOUNTAINS OF THE MOON (15). Bob Rafelson's wayward epic about Victorian explorers Burton and Speke searching for the Nile's source. Patrick Bergin, Iain Glen
Odeon Leicester Square (01 930 6111)

◆ **ROGER AND ME (15):** Michael Moore's iconoclastic documentary about the effect of car factory closures on the director's home town
Cannons: Fulham Road (01-370 2636) Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148) Screen on the Green (01-226 3520) Warner West End (01-439 0791)

SANTA SANGRE (18): Alejandro Jodorowsky's extraordinary, disturbing, blood-soaked fantasy set in a travelling circus
Metro (01-437 0757) Gate (01-727 4043)

◆ **SEA OF LOVE (18):** Superior thriller crackling with electricity. Al Pacino stars as a New York cop who becomes emotionally involved with a murder suspect (Ellen Barkin). Directed by Harold Becker
Cannon Oxford Street (01 636 0310) Plaza (01-497 9999)

SHOCKER (18): Wearisome slasher film, with Mitch Pileggi as the malevolent spirit of an executed mass killer
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527)

A SHORT FILM ABOUT LOVE (18): Krzysztof Kieslowski's powerful and eerie tale of voyeurism and sexual failure. Second in the series based on the Ten Commandments
Premiere (01-439 4470) Renoir (01-837 8402)

SOCIETY (18): Obnoxious, zombie-filled horror yarn from Brian Yuzna, producer of *From Beyond*.
Prince Charles (01-437 8181)

TROOP BEVERLY HILLS (PG): Tiresome comedy about a Beverly Hills wife leading a scout troop. Shelley Long
Odeon Leicester Square (01 930 6111)

◆ **TROP BELLE POUR TOI! (18):** Gérard Depardieu dithers between his wife and mistress. Skilful satire on marital mores from Bertrand Blier
Chelsea Cinema (01-351 3742) Premiere (01-439 4470)

◆ **UNCLE BUCK (12):** Flimsy comedy with John Candy as a ne'er-do-well taking care of his brother's children
Cannons: Baker Street (01-935 9772) Fulham Road (01 370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (01 836 8861) Plaza (01-497 9999) Whiteleys (01-792 3303/3324)

◆ **THE WAR OF THE ROSES (15):** A perfect marriage self-destructs violently. Exhausting black comedy, with Michael Douglas and Kathleen Turner
Cannons: Chelsea (01-352 5096) Piccadilly (01 437 3561) Tottenham Court Road (01 636 6148) Odeons: Kensington (01 602 6644/5) Leicester Square (01 930 6111) Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905) Whiteleys (01 792 3303/3324)

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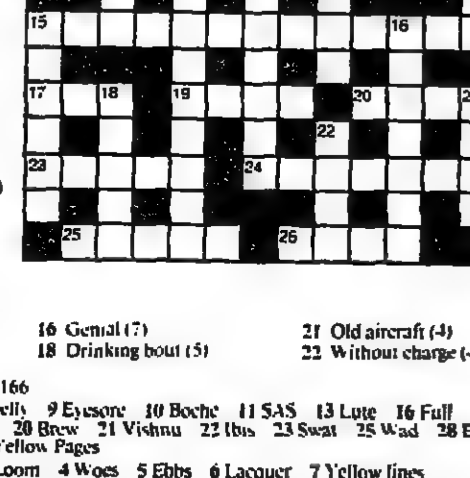

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20 Boot (4)
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18 Drinking bout (5)
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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 24

NUZZER
(b) A ceremonial present, from the Hindi *nazr* a vow or votive offering. The root is the same as Nazarite. Fox against Warren Hastings: "The Governor lays before the board two bags presented to him in nuzzers."

FOIN
(c) To make a thrust with a pointed weapon, from the OF *foine* a three-pronged fish spear; Dryden: "They lash, they foin, they pass, they strive to bore/Their Corslets."

PLACIDO
(a) British yuppie slang for the sum of £10, a pun on the Spanish operatic tenor, Placido Domingo: "Latest jargon from streetwise elements on the trading floors: £10 is now known as a Placido."

PANDOOR
(b) An esteemed variety of oysters formerly got at Prestonpans, said to be from the *doors* of the salt-*pans*: "With a dish o' mussel-brose at Newhaven, or with a prievin' o' fat pandoors a little further east the coast."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

This position is taken from the game Blatny (White) – Stangl (Black), Oakham Junior International 1990. Can White exploit the isolated position of the black queen? Solution in tomorrow's *Times*.

Solution to yesterday's position: 1 . . . Qxg5! wins a piece, as 2 Bxg5 allows 2 . . . Bxf2 checkmate and 2 Bxc6 is met by 2 . . . Rxf4.

ENTERTAINMENTS

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM 071 836 3161 cc 071 240 5258 071 379 4444 071 240 7200 (Bkg Fee) (Bkg Fee) THE KIROV BALLET 5 June - 7 July

COLISEUM S 071 836 3161 cc 071 240 5258 ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA Ton't 7.30 ARIADNE. Tomor 7.00 FIGARO. Also bkg Clarissa.

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 071 240 1066 /1911 Standby info 071 836 6903. S CC 65 amphi seats avail on the day. THE ROYAL BALLET Ton't 8.00 Galanteries / Other Dances with Guillem / Persuit / Gloria THE ROYAL OPERA Tomor 8.00 La Cenerentola Latecomers not admitted until 9.40

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HER MAJESTY'S Enquiries 839 2244 CC 24hr 379 4444 (bkg fee) 497 9977 (bkg fee) Group Sales 930 6123 ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S AWARD WINNING MUSICAL THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA PETER KARRIE JILL WASHINGTON MICHAEL CORMICK Iren Bartok plays Christine at certain performances Directed by HAROLD PRINCE Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3 SOLD OUT UNTIL 26TH MAR '91 QUEUE DAILY FOR RETURNS

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LYRIC Shaftesbury Ave 437 3686 CC (no bkg fee) 741 9999/379 4444/ & CC (with bkg fee) 240 7200. Group Sales 930 6123 Sian Phillips Joanna Lumley Marjorie Bland Niall Buggy Ron Cook Charlotte Cornwell Greg Hicks Gwen Humble VANILLA by Jane Stanton Hitchcock directed by Harold Pinter Previews from 10 May Opens 16 May 7pm Eves 8pm, Sat 5pm & 8.30pm (Wed mat 2.30 from 23 May)

LYRIC Shaftesbury Ave 437 3686 cc (no bkg fee) 379 4444 (bkg fee) 497 9977/741 9999 Grps 240 7941 HENRY HALL SHAUN CASSIDY DAVID HEALY in BUS STOP Mon-Thu 8.15 Fri 8.45 Sat 6 + 8.45 Wed Mat 3 Last Week. Must Close 5 May

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NATIONAL THEATRE BO 071 928 2252/ Grps (Only) 071 620 0741 24hr cc bkg fee: 071 497 9977 OLIVIER Today 2.00 & 7.15 THE SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL Sheridan Tomor 7.15 THE TRACKERS OF OXYRHYNCHUS Harrison LYTTELTON Today 2.15 & 7.30 Tomor 7.30 (Seats now Available) SUNDAY IN THE PARK WITH GEORGE Sondheim & Lapine COTTESLOE Tomor 7.30 (PREVIEW) BERENICE Racine

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PHOENIX BO 867 1044 cc (no bkg fee) 867 1111/379 4444 Groups 240 7941 THE SONDHEIM/LAPINE MUSICAL INTO THE WOODS Previews from 14 Sept Opens 25 Sept

PHOENIX Charing Cross Rd WC2 B O. 01-867 1044. CC 867 1111. Also CC (no bkg fee) 497 9977/379 4444/741 9999. Groups 240 7941 THE PETER HALL COMPANY production of THE WILD DUCK Ibsen's masterpiece Prevs from 10 May Mon-Sat 7.30 Opens 17 May 7.00. From 19 May Mats Thurs & Sat 2.30 LIMITED SEASON - BOOK NOW!

PICCADILLY 071 867 1118 cc 071 867 1111/071 379 4444 (no bkg fee) 081 741 9999 (bkg fee) Eves 7.45 Mats Tue & Sat 3.0 KING "You won't hear a better sung show in London" Sheridan Morley LBC KING "Simon Estes has a wonderful singing voice, rich & eloquent" Charles Spencer, Daily Telegraph KING "Cynthia Haymon...has charisma enough for ten" Rodney Milnes, Financial Times KING "Richard Blackford's music ranges from soaring urgency to rhythmic bounce" Milton Shulman, The Standard KING "...an immensely likeable singing & dancing ensemble, sheer energy and commitment. Timothy O'Brien's set is fabulous" Rodney Milnes, Financial Times KING "Excitingly choreographed" Charles Spencer, Daily Telegraph KING "PEOPLE WILL LOVE IT" Alby James, Channel 4

PLAYHOUSE BO & CC 01-839 4401 cc 240 7200/379 4444/741 9999 Groups 240 7941 "THEATRE AT ITS NOBLEST AND BEST" D Mail JOSS ACKLAND JULIAN GLOVER in NEVER THE SINNER Eves 7.45, Wed & Sat Mats 3pm Wine & Dine at SHAWS in the AN GROUP PLAYHOUSE

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PRINCE OF WALES Box Office 01 839 5972 CC First Call 24hr 7 Day 836 3464 (bkg fee)/Open All Hours 379 6131 (bkg fee) ASPECTS OF LOVE "ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S BEST" D Tel Lyrics by DON BLACK & CHARLES HART Directed by TREVOR NUNN Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3.0 Queue daily for returns. Strictly no admittance for latecomers NOW BOOKING TO APRIL '91

QUEENS BO 734 1166/379 4444 /741 9999/240 7200 AT NO BKG FEE. GROUPS 930 6123 NIGEL HAWTHORNE JANE LAPOTAIRE SHADOWLANDS "Packed with emotional bombshells" Time Out Eves 8.00 Mats Wed 3.00, Sat 4.30 Now Booking to July 28

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ROYALTY Kingsway WC2 BO cc & Grps 831 0660 cc (bkg fee) 379 4444/497 9977/741 9999 Mon-Sat 7.30 Thu & Sat Mats 2.30 THE R S C PRODUCTION OF A CLOCKWORK ORANGE "A SMASH & GRAB HIT" DExp "MUSIC BY BEETHOVEN BONO & THE EDGE PROVIDES OMINOUS MOMENTUM" Std Gala Performance Tomor at 7.30

SHAFTESBURY BO & cc 379 5399 cc (no bkg fee) 379 4444 (bkg fee) 497 9977/741 9999 Eves 7.45 Sat Mat 3pm MARTI WEBB WAYNE SLEEP ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S SONG & DANCE LIMITED SEASON TO JUNE 30

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THE LEFEVRE GALLERY 30, Bruton Street, London W1 (01-493 2107). An Exhibition of XIX & XX Century Paintings. 28th March - 4th May 1990. Mon - Fri. 10am - 5pm.

CINEMAS

CURZON MAYFAIR Curzon St 071 465 8865 PHILIPPE NOIRET in CINEMA PARADISO (PG) Film at 1.00 (not Sun) 3.30 6.10 8.40. "Do not miss" D Mail. Winner of Oscar for best foreign film.

CURZON PHOENIX Phoenix St, off Charing Cross Rd 071 240 9661 KENNETH BRANAGH (Best Director BAFTA awards) as HENRY V (PG) Film at 2.45 5.50 & 8.30.

CURZON WEST END Shaftesbury Avenue W1 071 439 4805 PHILIPPE NOIRET in CINEMA PARADISO (PG) Film at 1.00 (not Sun) 3.30 6.10 8.40 Winner of Oscar for Best Foreign Film

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LEGER, British Landscape Painting including Gainsborough and Turner 13 Old Bond St, W1 Mon-Fri 9.30-5.30 until 25th May

TELEVISION & RADIO

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BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax
6.30 BBC Breakfast News with Laurie Mayer and Fiona Foster 8.55 Regional news and weather
9.00 News and weather followed by *Open Air*. Jayne Irving takes calls from viewers commenting on yesterday's television
9.20 Gloria Live. Gloria Hunniford hosts her own live magazine show. Her guests includes a colour therapist and two doctors with opposing views on vivisection
10.00 News and weather followed by Matchpoint (r)
10.25 Children's BBC introduced by Simon Parkin begins with Playdays (r) 10.50 Bunyip 10.55 Five to *Eleven*. Patricia Routledge with more readings from Julian of Norwich
11.00 News and weather followed by Open Air. Eamonn Holmes and Jayne Irving discuss viewers' calls about asthma and hay fever. For advice on the complaints telephone 061 814 0424
12.00 News and weather followed by *Daytime Live*. Today's edition includes the first in a mini-series on European cookery 12.55 Regional news and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. Weather
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) 1.50 Matchpoint. Quiz game presented by Angela Rippon
2.15 Knots Landing. Dire spin-off from the *Dallas* saga
3.05 Gardeners' Direct Line. Viewers' gardening queries are dealt with by experts John Thirlwell, Peter Seabrook and Tom Leigh 3.35 The Pink Panther Show (r)
3.50 Caterpillar Trail. Artist Tony Hart with wildlife sketching tips and Chris Packham has advice on photographing ducks 4.05 Around the World with Willy Fog (r) 4.35 The *Movie Game*. Inter-school tests of film and video knowledge, introduced by *Phillip Schofield. Competing this week* are Stanway County Primary, Colchester, North Crescent Primary, Basildon, and Ivy Lane Primary, Chippenham
5.00 Newsround 5.05 The Gift. The final episode of the drama about a young man who can read other people's minds
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax)
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Anna Ford. Weather
6.30 Regional News Magazines
7.00 Wogan. The guests include singer Englebert Humperdinck
7.40 The Kon-Tiki Man. More travels for Thor Heyerdahl, this week to the Galápagos Islands and Easter Island. (Ceefax)
8.05 Dallas. (Ceefax)
8.50 Points of View. More viewers' comments handled by Anne Robinson
9.00 Party Election Broadcast by the Conservative Party.
9.05 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Regional news and weather
9.35 Inside Story: The Race Game.
● Despite the success of Britain's black athletes, boxers, cricketers and footballers, Christopher Terrill's punchy documentary questions the proposition that sport is less colour-blind than other areas of society. It is said that young blacks are stereotyped as sportsmen because they are not considered to be good at anything else and are second class citizens again as soon as they get out of their kit. Black athletes find it harder to get the sponsorship which

Judy Simpson: black power? (9.35pm)

is essential for developing their skills. Blacks may make up half the British athletics squad but none of them make it as administrators or national coaches. The film also tackles the old conundrum of why Yorkshire, no longer the most talented or successful of county cricket clubs, has failed to find a single player from among its huge Asian community. Even the forthright Brian Close seems stuck for an answer, though it may be implicit in his assumption that Asians born in Bradford are foreigners. (Ceefax)
10.25 Sportsnight. Includes Football: highlights of the first leg of the final of the Uefa Cup between Juventus and Fiorentina in Turin; and Amateur Boxing: the George Wimpey ABA National championships from the Royal Albert Hall 12.05am Weather

BBC 2

6.45 Open University: Geology — Ore *Genesis 7.10* Culture and Belief in Europe 1450-1600
8.00 News
8.15 Westminster. Yesterday's proceedings in Parliament
9.00 The Violin Maker. Jim McKillop, a maker of violins, in conversation with Stephane Grapelli (r)
9.05 Daytime on Two: technology in everyday activities 9.35 A guide to emergency first aid. (Ceefax) 9.45 *A-level* German 10.05 For the very young 10.20 How the English *countryside is changing 10.40* Information technology in everyday *life 11.00 Learning to read series 11.15* How ideas are formulated by talking to other people 11.35 Teaching four to seven-year-olds 12.10 A-level biology — cells 12.30 A 21-year-old man talks about money and values 12.55 Effective communication. (Ceefax) 1.20 *Pie in the Sky* 1.40 Putting together a Photofit
2.00 News and weather followed by Storytime
2.15 *Racing from Ascot*. Julian Wilson introduces live coverage of the Insulpak Sagaro EBF Stakes (2.30); the White Rose Stakes (3.05); and the Insulpak Victoria Cup (3.40). The commentators are Peter O'Sullevan and Jimmy Lindley. Include News and weather at 2.50 and 3.55
4.05 Junior Darts. Action from the British Youth Darts Championship which has now reached the quarter-final stage. Introduced by Tony Gubba from the Lakeside Country Club, Frimley Green, Surrey
4.35 Look, Stranger. Archie Aitkins's life as a nurseryman is profiled (r)
5.00 Italian Regional Cookery. A repeat of Monday's programme in which Valentina Harris visits the southernmost region in Italy — Puglia. She also looks at the cuisine of Sicily
5.30 Film 90 with Barry Norman. A repeat of yesterday's programme in which Barry looks at *Internal Affairs* and *See You in the Morning*
6.00 DEF II begin with The Invaders. Vintage science fiction series starring Roy Thinnes 6.50 Words Apart. A topical talk show for young people, presented by Kirsty Wark. This week's subject is the refusal of some local authorities to allow black babies to be adopted or fostered by *white people 7.30 Rapido*. Antoine de Caunes presents his own off-the-wall *music show, featuring reports on* Oleta Adams, the Kinks, Lilac Time, Tambours Du Bronx and Leon Redbone
8.10 Open Space Special: Tiananmen Square — A Stage for History. Su Xiaokang, once a leading Chinese writer and film-maker, now a wanted "criminal", under sentence of death, after his involvement in the Tiananmen Square incident, speaks frankly *about his views on communism* and what problems China faces today. Other Chinese exiles are also given the chance to air their views
9.00 M*A*S*H. Korean War black comedy starring Alan Alda and Mike Farrell (r)
9.25 A Very Peculiar Practice. Witty offbeat comedy series starring Peter Davison as Stephen Daker, a red-*brick* university medic, who tonight finds himself at odds with a colleague over *tranquilizer experiments (r)*

Exiled Su Xiaokang speaks frankly (8.10pm)

10.20 Lucinda Lambton's Alphabet of Britain: T is for Temple. The ebullient photographer continues her tour of the best architectural buildings in Britain with a look at temples, including *Monkey Island's Fishing Temple*, the Mock Temple at Virginia Water, the only *Thai Temple in Europe* — incongruously sited in a Wimbledon *backwater — and the Grecian Temple* hidden away in the Great Eastern Hotel at London's Liverpool Street Station. (Ceefax)
10.30 Party Election Broadcast by the Conservative Party
10.35 Newsnight.
11.20 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine
12.00 Weather
12.05am Open University: Silence in *Class. Ends at 1.00*

ITV LONDON

6.00 TV-am
9.25 Cross Wits. Tom O'Connor hosts *the quiz show for crossword fanatics* 9.55 Thames News and weather
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Mike Scott chairs another topical discussion
10.40 This Morning. *Daily magazine show* with Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan. Today's edition includes advice on emotional problems from Denise Robertson, Brian Thomas's show-biz gossip and a guide to going green. With national and international news at 10.55 and regional news at 11.55 followed by national weather
12.10 Allsorts. For the young (r) 12.30 Home and Away
1.00 News at One with John Suchet. Weather 1.20 Thames News and weather 1.30 Santa Barbara *followed by Crimestoppers*
2.00 The Treatment. Josephine Buchan *tests the safety of sun-beds and* examines video hypnotherapy which claims to help people lose weight. Dr Roy McGregor is on hand to offer advice and news on all aspects of medicine and health 2.30 Take the High Road. Drama serial set in the Highlands
3.00 Sounds Like Music. Bobby Crush *hosts the light-hearted quiz on stage* and screen musicals 3.25 Thames *News and weather 3.30 The Young Doctors*. Australian medical drama serial
4.00 Rolf's Cartoon Club. Rolf Harris visits the Museum of the Moving Image on the London South Bank to meet resident animator Shaun Blake 4.25 *Spatz. Serial set in a fast-food* restaurant 4.55 Bugs Bunny and Friends
5.10 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz game for teenagers
5.40 News with Sue Carpenter
5.55 Weather followed by Thames Help. A visit to a Victorian cemetery in Hackney at dawn
6.00 Home and Away (r)
6.30 Thames News and weather
7.00 Busman's Holiday. Cidermakers, pharmacists and lifeboatmen compete in this week's travel quiz presented by Sarah Kennedy. (Oracle)

Imelda Staunton: romantic designs (8.00pm)

7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle)
8.00 Up the Garden Path.
● *Sue Limb's comedy is a transplant* from radio, with Imelda Staunton repeating her bubbly portrayal of the podgy, disorganized English teacher, who lives in a tip, feeds her face with chocolate cake and has romantic designs on a man who inconveniently happens to be married. As with *After Henry*, another radio-originated sitcom, the question is whether the addition of pictures *adds or subtracts from the effect*. There are occasions, as when Staunton fantasizes about eliminating the boyfriend's wife, when sound only would have served better. But only television can bring out the full dimension of Staunton's performance, which is much enriched by its body movements and facial expressions. *Nicholas Le Prevost*, as Staunton's would-be lover, is heard more than seen in this promising first episode but there are the makings of strong supporting performances from Tessa Peake-Jones and Mike Grady as Staunton's fellow teachers
8.30 The Ronn Lucas Show. *New series* starring the talented ventriloquist
9.00 *Mistress of Suspense: Sauce for the Goose.*
● The title Master of Suspense having long been appropriated by Alfred Hitchcock, HTV bestows the female award on Patricia Highsmith for its series based on her short stones. As *it happens tonight's offering, Sauce for the Goose*, could almost have been *made by Hitchcock for one of his* television shows in the 1950s. The *old rascal would certainly have relished* the macabre denouement. Ian McShane plays a smarmy second-rate crooner who checks in at the seaside hotel run by Olivia (Gwen Taylor) and her dreary, complaining husband (Benjamin Whitrow). Olivia is swept off her feet by the smooth-talking newcomer and before long the two of them are plotting a murder. If much of what follows is guessable, and if the characters stay mainly on the surface, skilled playing by Taylor and McShane sustains the interest. (Oracle)
10.00 Party Election Broadcast by the Conservative Party
10.05 News *with Sandy Gall and Trevor* McDonald. Weather 10.35 Thames *News and weather*
10.40 Midweek Sport Special. Nick Owen presents football action from the Barclay's League and the Uefa Cup final, first leg; highlights of the Benn v DeWitt fight; and of the Rugby Union match between Italy and England
12.00 Film: The Blood Beast Terror (1967) Starring Peter Cushing, Robert Flemyng and Wanda Ventham. Superbly stupid tale of a Victorian *entomologist who can turn humans* into giant death's head moths. Directed by Vernon Sewell.
1.30 Stories in the Night. Nick Stuart examines another supernatural phenomenon. Followed by News headlines
2.00 Videofashion. The making of style — including a look at Burberry, Lesage, *Ferragamo scarves* and Jean Patou's Joy perfume
2.30 America's Top Ten
3.00 Night Gallery. *Pickman's Model* and *The Dead Man* — two tales of the supernatural
4.00 The Channon and Ball Video Show. *Former England soccer internationals* Mike Channon and Alan Ball take a *trip down Memory Lane*
4.30 Fifty Years On (b/w)
5.00 ITN Morning News with Richard Bath. Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Art of Landscape. The natural world set to music
6.30 The Channel Four Daily
9.25 Schools
12.00 The *Parliament Programme*
12.30 Business Daily. News and analysis of commerce and finance, with Susannah Simons
1.00 Sesame Street
2.00 In Charge. Open College series about the role of an effective supervisor *in today's workplace*. (Oracle)
2.30 I Shall Not Die, But Live. The history *and tradition of Gaelic psalms (r)*
3.30 Cockaboody. Cartoon.
3.40 The *Oprah Winfrey Show*. Daughters of well-known people in jail discuss their parents and their scandals
4.30 Fifteen-to-One. William G. Stewart quizzes another group of contestants
5.00 Go for It. Children with special needs show off their photographic skills. (Oracle)
5.30 Flight over Spain. An aerial view of Badajoz, narrated by Allen Hargreaves. (Oracle)
6.00 The Running Programme. Three athletes prepare for the Wolverhampton Marathon (r)
6.30 Get Smart. Spoof 1960s spy comedy starring Don Adams
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi
7.50 *Comment* followed by Weather
8.00 Brookside. (Oracle)
8.30 Dispatches.
● An updated version of an excellent investigation into obscene telephone calls which was first shown a year ago. It is estimated that four women in 10 receive such calls, many of which threaten physical violence. One woman *describes the experience as mental* rape and another sleeps with a carving *knife under her pillow*. But obscene calls are officially regarded as a nuisance, rather than a serious crime, and are ranked as a level three offence, in the same category as not paying a television licence. Nor are they taken seriously by the police, and convictions are few. With computerized exchanges, it should be easier to trace calls, which could be the key to the problem. A report from New Jersey suggests that the United States has gone much further along this route than Britain. British Telecom declined to be interviewed for the original programme but has now relented and its spokeswoman *describes the latest initiatives*. But is BT doing enough?
9.15 *Rear Window*: Chile — Culture Under the Bayonet. How culture has survived under the military dictatorship. Musicians, street muralists and patchwork makers talk about their opposition role during the 16 years of despotism
10.00 The New Statesman: Live from Westminster. No punches-pulled raw political comedy starring Rik Mayall as the ruthless MP who will stop at nothing to make the big time (r)
10.35 Film: Wings of Desire (1987). Wim Wenders's brilliantly inventive fantasy, juggling colour and monochrome, with Bruno Ganz as an angel who falls in love with a trapeze artist and embraces mortality. Peter Falk has a *show-stealing role as himself*. In German with English subtitles
12.55am Living with the Blues. A documentary looking back at the birth of the blues in Britain. Ends at 1.55

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW
News on the half-hour from 6.30am until 4.30pm, then at 7.30, 8.30 and 10.00pm
5.00am Jakki Brambles 6.30 Simon Mayo 9.30 Simon Bates 12.30pm *Newsbeat 12.45 Gary Davies 3.00* Steve Wright in the Afternoon 5.30 News '90 6.00 Mark Goodier 7.30 Singled Out 8.30 John Peel 10.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00-2.00am Bob Harris

RADIO 2

FM Stereo and MW
News on the hour
Headlines 5.30am, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30
4.00am Steve Madden 5.30 Chris Stuart 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Judith Chalmers 11.00 Mavis Nicholson 1.05pm David Jacobs 2.05 Sue Cook 4.05 Glen Campbell 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Jenkin's Jokers 7.30 Swan Arcade in Concert 8.00 Folk on 2 9.00 The Organist Entertains 9.30 Latin Music Show 10.00 Ken Bruce 12.05am Jazz Parade 12.30 Digance Does It . . . Locally 1.00-4.00 Nightride

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. Add an hour for BST.
5.00am World News 5.09 24 Hours 5.30 Londres Matin 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Meridian 7.00 World News 7.09 24 Hours; News Summary and Financial News 7.30 Development '90 8.00 World News 8.09 Words of Faith 8.15 *Business Matters* 8.30 Just a Minute 9.00 World News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 The World Today 9.30 Financial News; Sports *Roundup 9.45* A Voice of Our Own 10.01 Omnibus 10.30 Midi Magazine 10.59 Travel News 11.00 World News 11.09 News about Britain 11.15 Country Style 11.30 Meridian 12.00 Newsreel 12.15pm Goldmine in the Dustbin 12.25 The Farming World 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 24 Hours; News Summary and Financial News 1.30 Development '90 2.00 World News; Outlook 2.30 Off the Shelf: Cry the Beloved Country 2.45 Business Matters 3.00 Newsreel 3.15 BBC English 3.30 Heute Aktuell 4.00 World News 4.09 News about Britain 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Londres Soir 5.15 The World Today 5.30 Heute Aktuell 6.00 German Features 6.54 Nachrichten 7.01 Outlook 7.25 Financial News 7.30 Network UK 7.45 A Voice of Our Own 8.00 World News 8.09 The World Today 8.25 Words of Faith 8.30 Assignment 9.01 Sports Roundup 9.15 Counterpoint 9.45 Recording of the Week 10.00 Newshour 11.00 World News 11.05 Commentary 11.10 Financial News 11.15 Good Books 11.30 Multitrack 2 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30am Winston Comes to Town 1.01 Outlook 1.25 Financial News 1.30 Waveguide 1.40 Book Choice 1.45 Society Today 2.00 World News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Newsreel 2.30 Assignment 3.00 World News 3.09 News about Britain 3.15 Network UK 3.30 The World Today 3.45 Nachrichten und Pressschau 4.00 Morgenmagazin 4.35 News in German: Headlines in English and French 4.47 Press Review 4.52 Financial News 4.56 Weather and Travel News

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University (FM only)
6.55 Weather and News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Haydn (Symphony No 94 "Surprise": Vienna PO under Bernstein)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Chopin (Introduction and Polonaise: Mstislav Rostropovich, cello, Martha Argerich, piano); Lyapunov (Symphonic poem, Zelyazova Volya: USSR Academic SO under Evgeny Svetlanov); Busoni (Variations on a Chopin Prelude: John Ogdon, piano); Glazunov and Kaller (Ballet, Chopiniana, excerpts)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Couperin. Première leçon (Ann Monoyios, soprano, Anne-Marie Lasla, viola da gamba, Pascal Monteilhet, theorbo, Bernard Coudurier, organ); Pièces d'orgue: Offertoire sur les grands jeux, messe "à l'usage ordinaire des paroisses" (Pierre Bardon, organ); Seconde leçon de ténèbres (Mieke van der Sluis, soprano, Marianne Muller, viola de gamba, Pascal Monteilhet, theorbo, Laurence Boulay, organ); Pièces d'orgue: Sanctus; Agnus Dei, messe "à l'usage ordinaire des paroisses" (Pierre Bardon, organ); Troisième leçon de ténèbres (Mieke van der Sluis, soprano, Guillemette Laurens, mezzo)
9.35 Bournemouth Sinfonietta under Roger Norrington, with Kun Woo Paik, piano, performs Mozart (Piano *Concerto in F, K 459*); Bizet (Symphony in C) (r)
10.30 Reger (Blätter und Blüten: Daniel Adni, piano). Final programme
11.00 Midweek Choice with Susan Sharpe. Vivaldi (Mottetto per la Solennita di S Antonio: I *Solisti Veneti under Scimone*); Franck (Symphonic Variations: Berlin PO under von Karajan, with Alexis Weissenberg, piano); Gibbons (In Nomine a 5; *Fantasia a 4 for the "Great Double Base"*: Fretwork); Dring (Dedications: Robert Tear, tenor, Philip Ledger, piano); Dvořák (Violin Concerto, Op 53: *Berlin PO* under James Levine); *Rachmaninov* (Barcarolle, Op 10 No 3; Polichinelle, Op 3 No 4; Etude Tableau, Op 39 No 6: played by the composer on piano rolls); Virgil Thomson (*The Plow That Broke the Plains*: Los Angeles CO under Marriner)
1.00pm News
1.05 Concert Hall: *Live from the* BBC Concert Hall, London. Jacquelyn Fugelle, soprano, Clifford Benson, piano, perform Donizetti (Six Songs "Nuits d'été à Pausilippe"); Ivor Gurney (Five Elizabethan Songs); Rodrigo (Quatro madrigales amatorios)
2.00 Record Review (r)
3.10 Vintage Years: Polish RSO under Grzegorz Fitelberg performs Karlowicz; compl Fitelberg (Episode at a Masquerade, Op 14); Szymanowski (Viola Concerto No 2, Op 61: Eugenia Uminska)
4.00 Choral Vespers: Live from Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral
5.00 The Demons of Bali: Gamelan ensemble music for masked dances. Recorded on location in 1977 in a Sebatu village (r)
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure with Roger Nichols
6.55 News
7.00 Christus: Live from the Royal Festival Hall. The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and Goldsmith's Choral Union under Brian Wright perform Liszt's rarely *performed oratorio. Its* 14 movements are grouped in three parts, covering, respectively, Christ's birth, life and death. Liszt was a devoutly religious man and took minor orders during the composition of this work. He called Christus his "musical Will and Testament". It was *first performed in Weimar in* 1873 and did not have its first British performance until 1977. The soloists include Jo Ann Picken, soprano, Ameral *Gunson, mezzo*, Martyn Hill, tenor, and Bryn Terfel, baritone. Part 1 8.00 Derek Watson examines Liszt's attitude to the Christian ideal 8.15 Part 2 8.55 Leslie Howard and Chris de Souza discuss the performance 9.10 Part 3
10.05 Third Ear with Robert Hewison
10.30 Mozart and J.C. Bach: In the first of two programmes, Christopher Kite, fortepiano, performs J.C. Bach (Sonata in E flat, Op 17 No 3); Mozart (*Sonata in C, K 309*)
11.00 Composers of the Week: Brahms — the 1880s. In Waldeinsamkeit, Op 85 No 6; Feldeinsamkeit, Nachtwandler, *Op 86 Nos 2, 3; Two songs for* alto and viola, Op 91; Cello Sonata No 2 in F, Op 99) (r)
12.00 News
12.05am Close

RADIO 4

LW (s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 *Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for* the Day (s) 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament 8.57 Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Midweek with Libby Purves (s)
10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time from Norfolk (r)
10.30 Morning Story: Terminal One, by David Marshall. Read by Valerie Sarruf
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; The Countryside in Spring. Mollie Harris visits the winery at Twyford in the Thames Valley
11.47 Yes, *Mr Churchill*: Taking Notes: Marian Walker Spicer, who became one of Winston Churchill's personal secretaries in 1942, talks to *June Knox-Mawer (2 of 6)*
12.00 News: You and Yours with John Howard
12.25pm The Litmus Test: Science quiz hosted by Mike Scott (s) *12.55 weather*
1.00 The World at One
1.35 A Party Political Broadcast by the Conservative Party
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Includes a practical guide on *how to beat age discrimination* in the workplace; and an item on a clinic in Zimbabwe which uses both traditional African and modern medicine
3.00 News; The Sitter. A comedy, written by Peter Tinniswood to mark Maurice Denham's eightieth birthday. Denham stars as Bulldog Templeton, *an 82-year-old man, who is* cared for once a week by a drab, straggly-haired sitter, played by Liz Goulding. However, his youthful days *were far from dull*, when he used to travel the world as an aviator (s)
3.47 Time for Verse: In the third of five programmes, Alexis Lykiard interviews poet Hugo Williams (s)
4.00 News
4.05 Whose Shall Be The Land? Gordon Clough looks at the *problems South Africa has to* face before the country's great racial conflict can be eradicated (r)
4.45 Kaleidoscope Extra: Kate Saunders examines the world of the television sitcom. She talks to *Imelda Staunton from Up the Garden Path* and Nichola McAuliffe from *Surgical Spirit*. Putting in an appearance: Humphrey Barclay, one of the most renowned television sitcom producers
5.00 PM *5.50* Shipping *Forecast* 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
6.30 Brain of Britain 1990: Chaired by Robert Robinson (s) (r)
7.00 News 7.50 The Archers
7.20 In Business (r)
7.45 Medicine Now (r)
8.15 Naming Names: Why Does *Bertha Have to Be Big?* Martin Wainwright asks whether names determine character. He examines how parents select a name and what class *implications* are associated with a particular choice. He talks to registrars, professors, parents and children about the pleasures and pitfalls of *being named* (1 of 2)
8.45 Against The State: Part 8: Terrorists. Brian Redhead explores political disobedience across the centuries
9.15 Kaleidoscope: Includes reviews of deaf percussionist Evelyn Glennie's autobiography, *Good Vibrations*; and Bruce McLean's new installation at the Arnolfini Gallery, Bristol (s)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight *9.59* Weather
10.00 The World Tonight (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Bring on the Girls, by P.G. Wodehouse and Guy Bolton (7 of 10)
11.00 A *Good Day Out: Variety, the* Spice of Life. A montage of memories about a night on the tiles in the 1920s and 1930s (1 of 4) (s) (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.30am News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast

FM as LW except:
11.00am-12.00 For Schools (s) 1.55pm Listening Corner (s) 2.05-*3.00* For Schools *5.50-5.55 PM* (cont) 11.30-12.10am Open University 11.30 The New Curiosity Shop 11.50 Culture and Belief in 16th-century Europe 12.30-1.10 Night School (s)

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ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 1.20pm Anglia News 1.30 The Treatment 2.00-2.30 The Young Doctors 3.30-4.00 Coronation Street 6.25-7.00 About Anglia 12.00 Tour of Duty 1.00am Cover Story (Joan Rivers) 1.30 Quiz Night 2.00 Stones in the Night 2.30 Bedrock...Uriah Heep 3.35 Time Tunnel 4.35-5.00 Farming Diary.

BORDER
As London except: 1.20pm Border News 1.30 The Treatment 2.00 Sons and Daughters 2.30-4.00 Scottish Question Time 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Lookaround Wednesday 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 12.00 The Twilight Zone 12.35am Night Heat 1.30 Donahue 2.30 60 Minutes 3.20 Route 66 4.15 Grand Ole Opry Live 4.45-5.00 Jobfinder.

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.20pm Central News 1.30 The Treatment 2.00-2.30 Country Practice 3.30-4.00 Coronation Street 6.25-7.00 Central News 12.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents: Bang! You're Dead 12.30am Stones in the Night 1.00 Tour of Duty 2.00 Sportsworld 3.00 Film: Law and Disorder 4.25-5.00 Central Jobfinder '90.

CHANNEL
As London except: 1.20pm Channel News 1.30 The Treatment 2.00-2.30 The Young Doctors 3.30-4.00 Coronation Street 6.00 Channel Report 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 12.00 Film: Callan or Mission Galactica 2.00am Talk of the Devil 2.30 Chart Attack 3.30 Night Heat 4.30-5.00 Hollywood Sports.

GRANADA
As London except: 1.20pm Granada News 1.30 The Treatment 2.00-3.00 Hollywood Sports 3.30-4.00 Coronation Street 6.30-7.00 Granada Tonight 12.00 The Twilight Zone 12.35am Night Heat 1.30 Donahue 2.30 60 Minutes 3.20 Route 66 4.15 Grand Ole Opry Live 4.40-5.00 Jobfinder.

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.20pm HTV News 1.30 The Treatment 2.00-2.30 The Young Doctors 3.30-4.00 Coronation Street 5.10-5.40 *Home and Away* 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.40 West Country Soccer Special 11.35 Coach 12.00 Beauty and the Beast 1.00am V 2.55 America's Top Ten 3.25 Patter Merchants 3.55 The Big Band TV Disco Show 4.30-5.00 Jobfinder.

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.30 Wales at Six 10.40-12.00 Midweek Sport Special.

TSW
As London except: 1.20pm TSW News 1.30 The Treatment 2.00 *It's a Dog's Life* 2.30-3.00 Santa Barbara 3.27-4.00 Home and Away 6.00 TSW Today 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 12.00 The Twilight Zone 12.35am Night Heat 1.30 Donahue 2.30 60 Minutes 3.20 Route 66 4.15 Grand Ole Opry Live 4.40-5.00 TSW Jobfinder.

TVS
As London except: 1.20pm TVS News 1.30 The Treatment 2.00-2.30 The Young Doctors 3.30-4.00 Coronation Street 5.10-5.40 *Home and Away 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-*7.00 Blockbusters 12.00 Callan or Mission Galactica 2.00am Film. Talk of the Devil 2.30 Chart Attack 3.30 Night Heat 4.30-5.00 Hollywood Sports.

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.20pm Regional News 1.30 The Treatment 2.00-2.30 The Young Doctors 3.30-4.00 Coronation Street 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 Up Country 12.00 *The Twilight* Zone 12.35 Night Heat 1.30 Donahue 2.30 60 Minutes 3.25 Route 66 4.20 The Grand Ole Opry 4.45-5.00 Jobfinder.

ULSTER
As London except: 1.20pm Ulster News-time 1.30 *The Treatment* 2.00-2.30 Sons and Daughters 3.30-4.00 Coronation Street 6.00 Six Tonight 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 12.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 12.55am Night Heat 1.30 Donahue 2.30 60 Minutes 3.20 Route 66 4.15 Grand Ole Opry Live 4.40-5.00 Jobfinder.

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.20pm Calendar News 1.30 The Treatment 2.00-2.30 A Country Practice 3.30-4.00 Coronation Street 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 12.00 In the Heat of the Night 1.00 Night Gallery 1.30 Coach 2.00 Quiz Night 2.30 Santa Barbara 3.25 Music Box 4.25-5.00 Jobfinder.

S4C
Starts: 6.00am C4 Daily 9.25 Ysgolion 12.00 Egwyl 12.10 Pobol y Cwm 12.30 Newyddion 12.35 Ty Chwith 1.00 The Child's Eye 1.30 Business Daily 2.00 In Charge 2.30 More Trees in Hunslet 3.30 Fragile Earth 4.30 Fifteen to One 5.00 Mork and Mindy 5.30 The Lone Ranger 6.00 Newyddion 6.15 Y Smyrffs 6.40 Pobol y Cwm 7.00 Hel Straeon 7.30 Profi'r Pethe 8.00 Ffermio 8.30 Newyddion 8.55 Ar Y Bocs 9.25 Film: The Philadelphia Story 11.30 Brass 12.00 Simone Weil 12.55am Living with the Blues 1.55 *Diwedd*.

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SKY ONE

6.00am International Business Report 5.30 European Business Channel 6.00 DJ Kat 8.30 Panel Pot Pourri 10.00 The New Price is Right 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 Sky by Day, with guests, actor Denis Quilley 12.00 Another World 12.50pm As the World Turns 1.45 Loving 2.15 Three's Company 2.45 Here's Lucy 3.15 Challenge for the Gobots 3.45 Cartoons 4.00 Plastic Man 4.30 The New Leave It to Beaver 5.00 Sky Star Search 6.00 The New Price is Right 6.30 Sale of the Century 7.00 Hey Dad! 7.30 Mr Belvedere 8.00 Rich Man, Poor Man: Book II 9.00 Falcon Crest 10.00 Jameson Tonight 11.00 Sky News 11.30 Boney

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
5.00am International Business Report 5.30 European Business Channel 6.00 International Business Report 11.00 International Business Report 11.30 The Reporters 1.30pm NBC Today 2.30 Parliament Live 3.15 Parliament Live 4.30 NBC Today 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Beyond 2000 7.30 The Reporters 8.30 The FBI 9.30 Newsline 11.30 NBC Nightly News 12.30am The FBI 1.30 Newsline 2.30 The Reporters 3.30 The FBI 4.30 Beyond 2000

SKY MOVIES

From 6.00am The Shopping Channel
2.00pm Mayerling (1968): A remake of the 1936 French classic about the doomed love affair between the crown prince of Austria and Marie Vetsera, a young commoner. With Omar Sharif and Catherine Deneuve
4.15 Doctor Who and the Daleks (1965): The time-traveller lands on the planet of the Thals, a peace-loving race threatened by extinction by the Doctor's arch-enemies — the Daleks. With Peter Cushing
6.00 Carry On Doctor (1968): The Carry On team in a fast-paced farce about a fight among medical men for a weight-reduction formula
7.40 *Entertainment Tonight*
8.00 Streets of Gold (1986): A former Soviet boxing champion defects to the United States. Starring Klaus Maria Brandauer
9.40 At the Pictures: Cinema releases
10.00 Nightflyers (1988): The crew of an intergalactic vessel are threatened by a sinister presence onboard. Starring Catherine Mary Stewart and Michael Praed
11.45 Dead Easy (1978): Three friends attempt to break into the New York club scene, and become involved in a crime boss's plans. Starring Scott Burgess, Rosemary Paul and Tim Mackenzie
1.30am 976-Evil (1988): A teenager becomes involved in a sinister dial-a-horoscope service. Starring Stephen Geoffreys
4.00 The Phantom of the Opera — Part Two (1989): Concluding the mini-series based on the tale of a disfigured composer Starring Charles Dance. Ends at 5.30am

EUROSPORT

5.00am As Sky One 8.30 Ice Hockey 11.00 Men's Volleyball 1.00pm Ice Hockey 3.30 Motor Sport 4.30 Goals! 5.00 Ice Hockey 7.00 Trans World Sport 8.00 Boxing 10.00 Football 12.00 Adventure Hour

SCREENSPORT

7.00am Football 7.30 Baseball 9.00 Rugby League 10.30 Motor Sport 12.30pm Ice Hockey 2.30 Rugby League 4.15 Baseball 6.00 Boxing 7.30 Golf 9.30 Rallycross 11.00 Powersports 12.00 Motor Sports

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LIFESTYLE

10.00am Jake's Fitness Minute 10.01 Search for Tomorrow 10.30 Short Casts 10.35 Wok with Yan 11.00 Coffee Break 11.10 Edge of Night 11.35 Great American Gameshows 12.50pm What's New? 12.55 Sally Jessy Raphael 1.45 Skyways 2.40 Search for Tomorrow 3.05 Tea Break 3.15 Burke's Law 4.05 Airwaves 4.35 Video Review Show 4.45 Great American Gameshows 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Channel

BSB: THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● All films are followed by News and Weather
1.00pm The Movie Show
1.30 Dead Reckoning (1947, b/w). Classic Humphrey Bogart film noir in which he investigates the death of an old army friend
3.55 The Princess Comes Across (1936, b/w). Comedy thriller on board an ocean liner. Starring Carole Lombard and Fred MacMurray
5.30 The Movie Show
6.00 Casa Closed (1988): Detective thriller, in which American stand-up comedian Byron Allen plays a streetwise black detective who teams up with a grizzled old-timer to solve a series of murders
8.00 Ice Castles (1979): An Iowa farm girl becomes an Olympic skater and is then blinded in an accident. Starring Lynn-Holly Johnson
10.00 Solarbabies (1986): Science-fiction adventure on a barren planet Earth, where every drop of water is a precious commodity 11.45 Braddock: Missing in Action III (1988): Kung Fu star Chuck Norris as Colonel Braddock who returns to Vietnam in search of his wife, who supposedly died in the fall of Saigon. Ends at 1.25am

GALAXY

7.30am Superfriends 7.30 Pre-Mix 8.30 31 West *The Entertainment Show* 9.00 Bewitched 9.30 Laughlines 10.00 Jupiter Moon 10.30 The Movie Show 11.00 Playabout 11.15 Mrs Pepperpot 11.30 Intellect 12.00 Wife of the Week 12.30pm The Bold and the *Beautiful 1.00 Facts of Life* 1.30 TJ Hooker starring William Shatner 2.30 Young and Restless 3.35 Playabout 3.45 Mrs Pepperpot 4.00 Danger Bay 4.30 Kids Incorporated 5.00 Pre-Mix 6.00 31 West. The *Entertainment Show* 6.30 Jupiter Moon 7.00 Murphy Brown 7.30 Laughlines 8.00 Shoestring 9.00 Up Yer News 9.15 The Donald Pleasence House of Horrors 12.45am The Bold and the Beautiful 1.15 The Movie Show 1.45 Up Yer News

THE SPORTS CHANNEL

1.25pm Sportsdesk 1.30 Racing Today 2.00 Boxing 4.00 Superbouts 5.00 Supercross 6.00 Sportsdesk, incl News and Weather 6.30 Tennis. The ATP Tour 7.30 Sportsdesk, incl News and Weather 8.00 Live Football: Celtic v Aberdeen at Hampden Park 10.00 Racing Today 10.30 Sportsdesk 11.00 On Four Wheels 12.00 Sportsdesk, incl News and Weather

NOW

9.30am Left, Right and Centre; News and Weather 10.00 Living Now 11.00 Business America 11.30 Business Europe News and Weather 12.00 First Edition; News and Weather 1.00pm Looking Good 1.30 The Countryside Show News and Weather 2.00 Nina v The Rest 2.45 15 Minutes from Now 3.00 Living Now; News and Weather 4.00 Your World 5.00 On the Continent The Italians — Sicilian Fisherman 5.30 The Countryside Show, News and Weather 6.00 Assignment Adventure 7.00 Living Now; News and Weather 8.00 First Edition 9.00 Your World, News and Weather 10.00 *Business Europe 10.30 Sex, Lies and Love* 11.15 Left, Right and Centre 11.45 Business America; News and Weather

THE POWER STATION

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Customs quiz steel firm men over Iraqi gun

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Correspondent

CUSTOMS officers investigating the Iraqi super gun affair yesterday questioned 18 members of the two engineering companies in Birmingham and Sheffield.

Last night Customs said: "A number of people have been interviewed and some have been arrested. None has been charged." It would not comment on who had been questioned. Three of the people interviewed are understood to have been formally arrested and released to return for fresh questioning.

According to Customs sources eight of the people interviewed yesterday were from Sheffield Forgemasters and the others were from Walter Somers, in Halesowen, near Birmingham. Walter Somers said last night Customs officers visited the factory and left with three top executives identified as Mr Peter Mitchell, the managing director; Mr Ken Hadley, the commercial director; and Mr Taylor, the works manager.

Sheffield Forgemasters said: "Six executives in group companies have been asked to make statements at local police stations which they are doing."

Neither company was able to comment on whether other members of staff had also been seen by Customs officers during visits to the two works in an operation now being run by a team of investigators from Birmingham.

Last week Dr Christopher Cowley, a scientist, was charged with an export offence linked to the gun. Sheffield Forgemasters made the eight steel cylinders seized by Customs officers at Teesport near Middlesbrough last month. A week before the seizure Iraq attempted to place a fresh order with the Birmingham company for what the company thinks may have been an aiming device. The order was refused.

Miss Maureen Lawrence, the British Consul, saw Mr Ashwell on Saturday.

In the Commons yesterday MPs from all sides joined in demands for an immediate ministerial statement about developments in the Iraq gun affair.

Sir Hal Miller (Bromsgrove, C) said that he had been told that Mr Peter Mitchell, of Walter Somers, among others, had been arrested. Until the intervention of his wife he had not been allowed access to a solicitor.

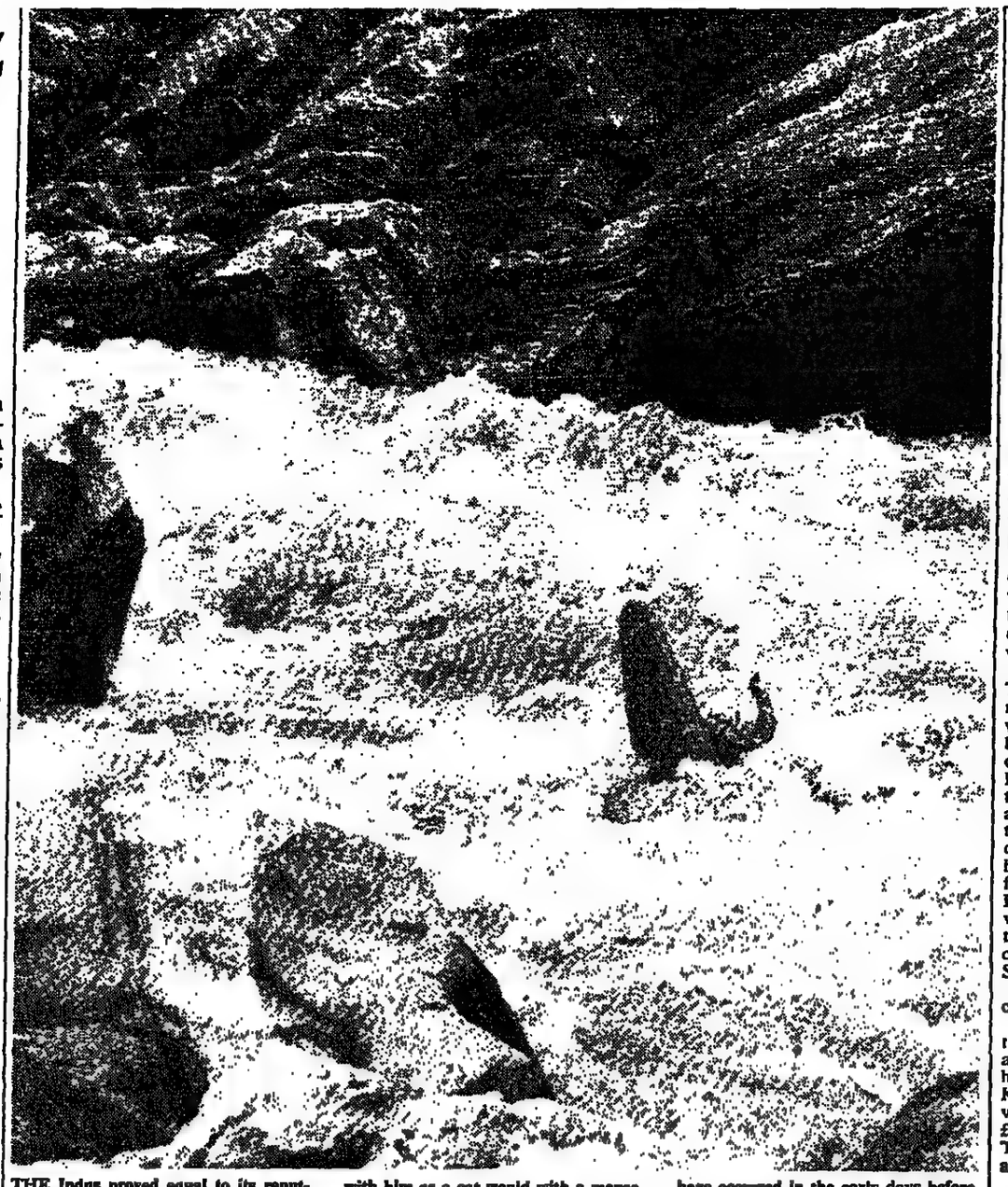
As yet there was no charge and the matter was not *sub judice* and could be discussed.

Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark (Birmingham, Selly Oak, C) said these people should not be allowed to become scapegoats for others' inefficiency.

● Britain is to make a second attempt today to persuade Greece that Paul Ashwell, the Northampton lorry driver arrested in connection with the Iraqi gun, is an innocent victim (Andrew McEwen writes).

Mr Ashwell, aged 26, is still in prison at the Greek port of Patras, where his lorry was intercepted by Greek Customs who found what appeared to be parts of the alleged gun.

Sir David Miers, the British Ambassador, will go to the Greek Ministry of Justice today to raise his case. Mrs Margaret Thatcher took it up with Mr Constantine Mitsotakis, the Prime Minister, at the Dublin summit on Saturday but so far the Greek authorities have not made their position clear.



THE Indus proved equal to its reputation when a British expedition tested the waters before embarking on an attempt at the first successful navigation of the river (writes Lin Jenkins). Within minutes of testing the stretches above Skardu in northern Pakistan, Mr Mick Hopkinson, an experienced canoeist, was in trouble (above).

Mr John Taylor, expedition leader, said: "He hit a big hole, a stopper wave, which is the dread of all canoeists. It grabbed his kayak and held it, playing with him as a cat would with a mouse. His kayak was tossed around end over end with Mick fighting for air in between capsizes."

Whether through luck or experience, he survived, and will be joining the team in the descent through the spectacular torrent stage, swelled by melting snow, asthe Indus thunders down gorges through the "Roof of the World" where the Himalayan, Karakoram and Hindu Kush mountain ranges meet.

"Most deaths on big river expeditions have occurred in the early days before the necessary build-up of confidence and honing of skills. A natural fear of the power of a big river has to be overcome by each person to allow them to master the river," said Mr Taylor.

The expedition called "the Taming of the Lion", after the Buddhist legend that the river flowed from the mouth of a lion, has been practising on the quieter stretches before beginning its 100-mile descent down one of the toughest stretches of water in the world.

Political sketch

Picking flowers that bloom in the Spring

IT WAS the first of May, the sun was shining and the ladies looked like herbacious borders. MPs were the waiting blossoms, TV cameras the wandering honey-bees.

Your sketchwriter has remarked before on the stunning effect of television upon MPs' dress. Though it took the plant world aeons to choose the best blooms for attracting insects, it has taken MPs only 20 weeks to learn which colours stand out brightest on TV. Never has natural selection been fast-forwarded at such alarming pace.

All around the Chamber, clinging to oak-panelled walls, the big, black, electronic bees whirred and swivelled their lenses. Upon whom would they alight first?

Michael Foot shambled in. This great man has altered nothing for the cameras. He wore a bluey-green jacket, baggy brown trousers, a dung-coloured shirt and yellow Hush-puppy shoes. The electronic bees swung their lenses away in distaste and scanned the Chamber. What was that on the Tory benches? A hydrangea-bush in full flower? No. It was Dame Jill Knight (Edgebaston), in a vast floral design of blue, turquoise and pink. How could the cameras — or Mr Speaker — resist?

"Dame Jill Knight," he called, as the cameras spun.

The hydrangea bush questioned the Health Secretary about doctors' pay. The hydrangeas had a point, as Kenneth Clarke's replies revealed this to have risen from £12,330 in 1979 to £33,280 The bush resumed its seat, ample blossoms trembling.

After that, to the bees and me, the rest of Health Questions seemed an anti-climax. We awaited the entrance of the Prime Minister.

At this, Edwina Currie swayed so enticingly that it seemed that if the cameras would not come to Mrs Currie, Mrs Currie would come to the cameras. Maybe she has forgotten the King of Siam's remark in *The King and I*:

To fly from blossom to blossom,
The honey bee must be free.
But blossom must not ever fly
From bee, to bee, to bee!

Over on the Labour side, two by-election victors had burst into flower. Sylvia Heal (Mid Staffs) was in a floral print of greens and blues, while Kate Hoey (Vauxhall) was slender spray of star-like little crimson flowers, on a black field.

The camera chose neither but — though the hydrangea bush was bobbing again — preferred a billowing bunch of big red poppies, called Emma Nicholson (C, Devon W & Torridge). The poppies wanted the PM to know that more paid the community charge, so it must be fairer.

The pollen count was high and rising. Perhaps it was Harry Greenway's scarlet face which attracted Mr Speaker away from the flowers.

Would the PM condemn Ealing council for sending full-whack poll-tax bills to 6,000 voters entitled to reductions? The thought behind question and answer was that a high bill would lose Tory votes. The official Tory line is the opposite —that a high poll-tax bill from a Labour town hall should lose, not gain, support for Labour. Such quibbles did not trouble Mr G or Mrs T ...

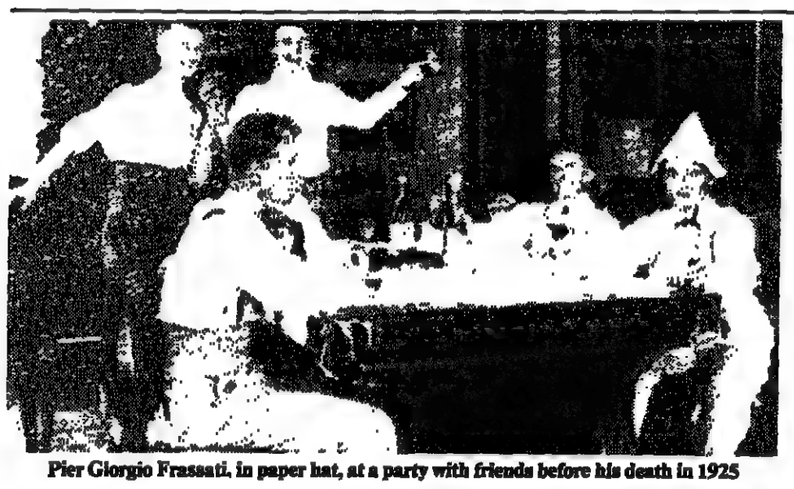
But we have left the flowers. Most notably, he have passed over a bed of orange and crimson nasturtiums in a blue jacket. Mr Speaker noticed it, though, and so did the bees.

"Dame Peggy Fenner," he called; and the nasturtiums (representing Medway, in the Conservative interest) rose, petals upturned in a colourful plea: would the Prime Minister list the five councils with the worst record on Education, the five *(lost in hub-hub)* and the five *(howl!)*

Where another woman might carry with her a tin of Elastoplast or a spare button, in case of sudden need, Mrs Thatcher carries a list of the five authorities with the worst record on anything-you-please, in case a passing MP for Medway should be caught short just before a local election. She produced it, leaving the now-traditional pause after each name, for the Tories to chorus "Labour!"

Ted Heath shook his head, aghast at the vulgarity. The nasturtiums grinned, the Speaker sighed and the bees — for whom this whole show had been contrived — whirred happily around the Chamber.

Matthew Parris



Pier Giorgio Frassati, in paper hat, at a party with friends before his death in 1925

Pope sets youth 'example'

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modern young man," says his neice, Signora Wanda Gabwonska. "Someone who enjoyed life to the fullest but never forget it was a gift from God." She points out that the Pope has encouraged Frassati's beatification partly because he is a man today's youth can identify with. "He loved women, sport, drink and, above all, freedom."

But he also developed at an early age a lasting belief in the importance of spiritual values. In 1918, he joined the Society of Saint Vincent, providing help for the sick and caring for orphans and demobilized servicemen. In 1922 he was already playing a layman's role in the Third Dominican Order, engaging in frequent theological reunions.

Frassati was totally committed to his religion. "I believe the day of my death will be the happiest day of my life," he wrote to a friend some years before a week's illness struck him down in 1925 with an acute attack of polio from which he never recovered.

His funeral in Turin, to the astonishment of his parents, was attended by hundreds who had only known him through his good works as "Girolamo", the name he had assumed on entering the Third Dominican Order. Beggars paid tribute to the handsome young man alongside the flowers of Turin society.

Following the miraculous cure of several hopeless patients who prayed to Frassati after his death, the process of beatification was begun in 1932. After this month's beatification, a miracle is required before eventual canonization. Those who knew Pier Giorgio have no doubt that such a miracle will soon come and that the Pope's favourite generation — youth — will have a real example of a young man who "lived in our era".

Baker rebuke to Tebbit

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

MR KENNETH Baker, chairman of the Conservative Party, last night delivered a firm rebuke to Mr Norman Tebbit over his controversial remarks on the loyalty of a proportion of Britain's Asian community.

Speaking at the dinner of the Barnet Anglo-Asian Conservative Association in London, he praised the contribution Asians had made to British life.

He attacked racial intolerance and insisted that Conservatives did not want the Asian community to subordinate its culture and identity to the British way of life.

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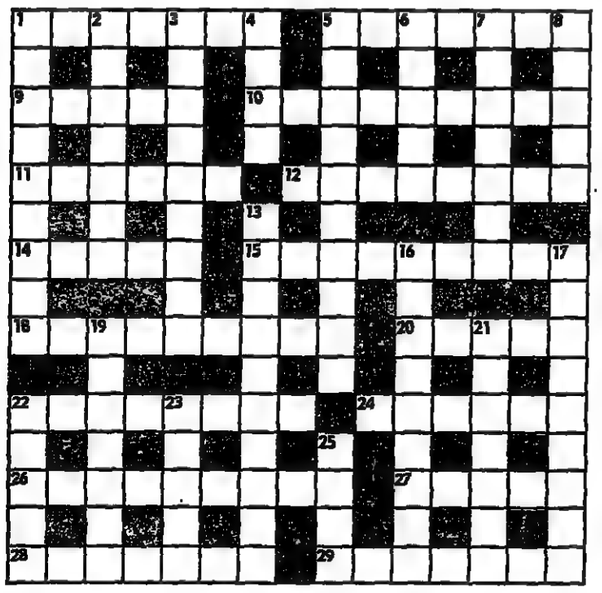

ACROSS

1 Enjoyment of foreign land (7).
5 Journalist saying "I can be cutting" (4-3).
9 Shrink half the cotton (5).
10 3 in America taking a ride (3,6).
11 In truth. I left some property (6).
12 Gets help? That's denied (8).
14 Bird starts to get rather exhausted by egg-laying (5).
15 This, my lad, can afford great relief (9).
18 People of high standing, such as Leonardo da Vinci (3,6).
20 Monster seen about, riding horseback (5).
22 Light gold (5-3).
24 Name about to turn sour (6).
26 Amongst others, king got caught in Italian revolution (5,4).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,282

DOWN

1 Total — two blues (9).
2 Descent of rope taking time (7).
3 Big support reported for the stars (5,4).
4 Test this Australian can of beer (4).
5 Hard — dinghy's moved here out of the water (4,3,3).
6 While talking, invent a new word for a wedge (5).
7 Singers giving bribe to a queen (7).
8 Field right in the middle of open country (5).
13 Very detailed curse placed upon love-child (4-2-4).
16 Stuff fool into tumbledown shack (9).
17 It's kept by unmarried American girls under 18 (4,5).
19 Colourless centre to pattern that's colourful (7).
21 In the fresh air to do our exercises (7).
22 Fill in short (5).
23 Generates passion aboard ship (5).
25 Dress a Shakespearian servant up (4).
27 I put on a little weight — it's the bracing air (5).
28 Woodcutter worries about wood at first (7).
29 Come into it after getting a lot of stick (7).

Concise crossword, page 22

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

NUZZER
a. To give sack
b. A bribe to a superior
c. An Indian bandit

FOIN
a. Clover hay
b. An Irish pecuniary penalty
c. To stab

PLACIDO
a. £10
b. Mediterranean halcyon days
c. A basking shark

PANDOOR
a. A generous giver
b. A large, fat oyster
c. A revolving door

Answers on page 22

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WEATHER

An area of high pressure extends across the British Isles. Most parts of Britain are expected to have another dry sunny and very warm day. Any early morning fog patches will clear quickly. The North Sea coast will be at risk from fog or low cloud rolling in. Any areas affected by sea fog or low cloud will be noticeably cooler than elsewhere. Outlook: Mainly dry, sunny and very warm but eastern districts may be cloudy.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	19	66	s	Majorca	18	64	c
Akrotiri	18	66	s	Malaga	20	68	f
Alex'dria	19	66	s	Malta	19	66	f
Algiers	17	63	c	Melb'rne	23	73	s
Amst'dm	19	66	s	Mexico C*	26	79	t
Athens	20	68	f	Miami*	28	82	f
Bahrain	-	-	-	Milan	21	70	s
Barbados*	27	81	c	Montreal*	20	68	f
Barcelna	18	65	s	Moscow	12	54	c
Belgrade	16	61	f	Munich	19	66	s
Berlin	21	70	s	Nairobi	26	79	c
Bermuda*	12	54	s	Naples	22	72	s
Biarritz	21	70	s	N Delhi	32	90	s
Borde'x	24	75	s	N York*	12	54	c
Brussels	21	70	s	Nice	21	70	s
Budapst	18	64	c	Oslo	21	70	s
B Aires*	22	72	s	Paris	23	73	s
Cairo	24	75	s	Peking	-	-	-
Cape Tn	17	63	f	Perth	22	72	f
C'blanca	19	66	f	Prague	19	66	s
Chicago*	14	57	c	Reykjvik	9	48	c
Ch'church	13	55	r	Rhodes	18	64	s
Cologne	23	73	s	Rio de J	29	84	t
C'phagn	20	68	s	Rome	-	-	-
Corfu	21	70	s	Rosso	19	66	s
Dublin	18	64	s	Salzburg	19	66	f
Dubrovnik	19	66	s	S Frisco*	19	66	s
Faro	21	70	s	Santiago*	19	66	s
Florence	25	77	s	S Paulo*	18	64	d
Frankfurt	21	70	s	Seoul	19	66	r
Funchal	18	64	f	Sing'por	-	-	-
Geneva	19	66	s	Sr'kholm	17	63	f
Gibraltar	19	66	f	Strasb'rg	22	72	s
Helsinki	14	57	s	Sydney	22	72	s
Hong K	-	-	-	Tangier	20	68	f
Innsbrck	21	70	s	Tel Aviv	21	70	f
Istanbul	12	54	f	Tenerife	21	70	s
Jeddah	34	93	s	Tokyo	20	68	s
Jo'burg*	16	61	s	Toronto*	20	68	s
Karachi	34	93	s	Tunis	19	66	c
L Palmas	21	70	s	Valencia	16	61	c
Le Touqet	22	72	s	Vanc'ver*	13	55	s
Lisbon	18	64	s	Venice	21	70	s
Locarno	22	72	s	Vienna	16	61	c
L Angeles*	17	63	c	Warsaw	17	63	f
Luxembg	23	73	s	Wash'ton*	17	63	c
Luxor	34	93	s	Wel'nton	15	59	c
Madrid	16	61	c	Zurich	20	68	s

* denotes Monday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarborough	13.8	-	17	63	sunny
Hunstanton	12.5	-	18	64	sunny
Cromer	12.2	-	19	66	sunny
Lowestoft	10.5	-	17	63	sunny
Clacton	13.8	-	16	61	sunny
Worthing	13.0	-	22	72	sunny
Littlehampton	13.1	-	22	72	sunny
Bognor Regis	13.3	-	18	64	sunny
Southsea	13.4	-	19	66	sunny
Sandown	13.3	-	17	63	sunny
Bournemouth	13.1	-	21	70	sunny
Poole	12.2	-	21	70	sunny
Swanage	13.0	-	15	59	sunny
Weymouth	12.6	-	18	64	sunny
Exmouth	12.9	-	18	64	sunny
Teignmouth	13.4	-	17	63	sunny
Torquay	12.6	-	19	66	sunny
Penzance	12.9	-	19	66	sunny
Scilly Isles	13.0	-	15	59	sunny
Jersey	13.8	-	20	68	sunny
Minehead	12.2	-	20	68	sunny
Blackpool	12.3	-	22	72	sunny
Morecambe	12.0	-	20	68	sunny
Douglas	10.7	-	17	63	sunny
Birmingham	12.0	-	23	73	sunny
Bristol	13.3	-	24	75	sunny
Buxton	13.8	-	21	70	sunny
Leeds	12.7	-	24	75	sunny
Newcastle	12.8	-	21	70	sunny
Nottingham	10.1	-	22	72	sunny
Anglesey	12.6	-	23	73	sunny
Cardiff	13.0	-	23	73	sunny
Colwyn Bay	11.8	-	22	72	sunny
Tenby	13.2	-	18	64	sunny
Aberdeen	14.2	-	16	61	sunny
Aviemore	12.9	-	23	73	sunny
Edinburgh	11.7	-	22	72	sunny
Kinloss	13.7	-	21	70	sunny
Stornoway	4.3	-	14	57	bright
Wick	14.1	-	15	59	sunny
Belfast	14.3	-	20	68	sunny

Monday's figures are latest available.

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 23C (73F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 12C (54F). Humidity: 6 pm, 52 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 13.5 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,031.3 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Monday: Highest day temp: Leeds, 24C (75F); lowest day max: Fair Isle, Shetland, 11C (52F); highest rainfall: No appreciable rainfall sunshine: Belfast, 14.3 hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 23C (73F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 10C (50F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 13.4 hr.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 25C (77F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 06C (43F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 12.3 hr.

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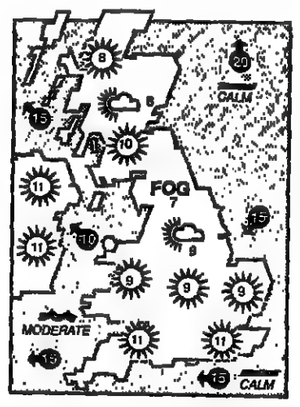
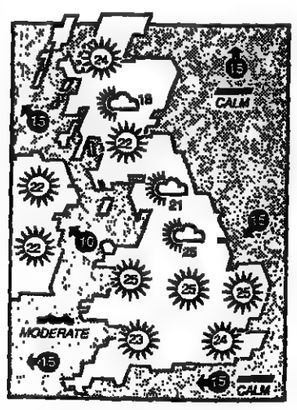


PM



LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 8.25 pm to 5.29 am
Bristol 8.35 pm to 5.39 am
Edinburgh 8.53 pm to 5.25 am
Manchester 8.40 pm to 5.31 am
Penzance 8.42 pm to 5.55 am

Sun rises: 5.31 am
Sun sets: 8.25 pm
Moon sets: 2.55 am
Moon rises: 12.33 pm
Full Moon May 9

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F		C	F
Belfast	20	68s	Guernsey	21	70s
B'mgham	22	72s	Inverness	19	66s
Blackpool	23	73s	Jersey	22	72s
Bristol	23	73s	London	22	72s
Cardiff	23	73s	M'nchester	21	70s
Edinburgh	17	63s	Newcastle	20	68s
Glasgow	21	70s	R'nldsway	15	59s

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	8.09	6.4	8.28	5.9
Aberdeen	7.55	3.4	9.06	3.3
Avonmouth	1.07	10.3	1.48	9.7
Belfast	5.37	3.1	6.51	2.8
Cardiff	12.52	9.7	1.33	9.3
Devonport	—	—	12.27	4.3
Dover	5.27	5.5	6.01	5.5
Falmouth	11.57	4.1	11.19	4.3
Glasgow	6.19	4.5	7.41	3.9
Harwich	6.05	3.5	6.23	3.2
Holyhead	4.49	4.7	5.52	4.4
Hull	12.33	6.0	12.40	6.2
Ilfracombe	—	—	12.43	7.0
King's Lynn	12.48	5.2	12.56	5.2
Leith	9.17	4.8	10.02	4.6

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Liverpool	5.33	7.8	6.22	7.5
Lowestoft	4.24	2.1	3.54	2.1
Margate	6.22	4.1	6.34	4.0
Milford Haven	12.16	5.6	1.01	5.2
Newquay	—	—	Noon	5.3
Oban	—	—	1.35	2.7
Penzance	11.45	4.3	—	—
Portland	12.36	1.5	1.36	1.2
Portsmouth	6.07	3.9	6.57	4.0
Shoreham	5.19	5.0	6.17	5.1
Southampton	5.26	3.8	6.28	3.9
Swansea	12.20	7.6	12.03	7.2
Tees	10.18	4.5	11.19	4.4
W'ton-on-Nze	6.05	3.7	6.26	3.4

Tide in metres: 1m=3.2808ft. Times are BST

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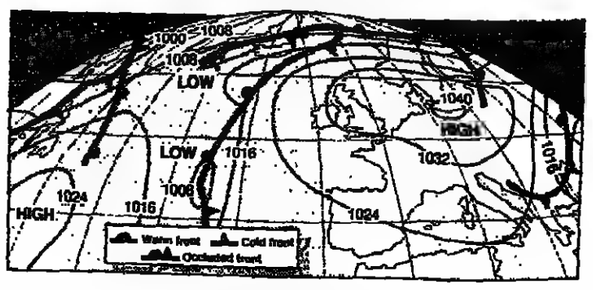

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BUSINESS

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THE POUND

US dollar
1.6395 (+0.0020)

W German mark
2.7555 (+0.0061)

Exchange index
86.9 (+0.3)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1663.5 (+9.9)

FT-SE 100
2117.9 (+14.5)

USM (Datastream)
130.80 (+0.26)

Market report, page 28

E&E rights issue to raise £29m

ELLIS & Everard is raising £29 million in a rights issue to buy two US chemicals distribution businesses — HVC and Kramer. It is the second such rights issue within 18 months.

The terms are one for three at 152p. The shares fell by 16p to 180p on the news.

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L&OF higher

London & Overseas Freighters is raising its dividend from 0.6p to 1p a share after posting pre-tax profits of $1.32 million ($1 million) for the year ended March 30.

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Ashley ahead

Ashley Group, the Spanish food retailer and Apollo blinds business, made pre-tax profits for the six months to February of £5.84 million, up from £1.86 million. Earnings per share rose from 2.82p to 4.11p and the interim dividend is 0.65p (0.5p).

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STOCK MARKETS

New York:	
Dow Jones	2572.75 (+15.98)*
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	29689.83 (+105.03)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2948.18 (–4.91)
Amsterdam:	
CBS Tendency	116.0 (–0.2)
Sydney: AO	1440.8 (+8.1)
Frankfurt: DAX	Closed
Brussels:	
General	Closed
Paris: CAC	Closed
Zurich: SKA Gen	Closed
London:	
FT–A All-Share	1049.21 (+8.06)
FT–"500"	1147.02 (+6.67)
FT. Gold Mines	219.0 (–2.5)
FT. Fixed Interest	84.37 (+0.57)
FT. Govt Secs	74.51 (+0.38)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
SA Breweries	505p (+10p)
Borland	920p (+22p)
First Nat Finance	202½p (+12p)
Glaxo	762p (+16p)
Hawker Siddeley	612½p (+10p)
Hazlewood Foods	153½p (+16p)
Body Shop	432½p (+10p)
GUS 'A'	908½p (+15p)
Utd Newspapers	297½p (+13p)
Pearson	661p (+10p)
Enterprise	670p (+15p)
FALLS:	
Northamber	94p (–20p)
Bank of Ireland	228p (–10p)
Harvey & Thompson	450p (–10p)
Parrish	7½p (–14p)
Ellis & Everard	180p (–16p)
Blackleys	117p (–8p)
Conder Group	750p (–35p)
Liberty	435p (–15p)
J Smurfit	610p (–10p)
Closing prices	
Bargains	19615
SEAQ Volume	370.8m

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 15%
3-month interbank 15 11/32-15 5/16%
3-month eligible bills: 14 23/32-14⅝%
US: Prime Rate 10%
Federal Funds 8 3/16%*
3-month Treasury Bills 7.96-7.94%*
30-year bonds 94 5/16-94%*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.6395	£: $1.6405*
£: DM2.7555	$: DM1.6805*
£: SwFr2.3838	$: SwFr1.4546*
£: FFr9.2497	$: FFr5.6350*
£: Yen260.27	$: Yen158.85*
£: Index:86.9	$: Index:68.4
ECU £n/a	SDR £0.796131
£: ECUn/a	£: SDR1.256074

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $368.95 pm-$369.50
close $368.00-368.50 (£224.50-225.00)
New York:
Comex $369.60-370.10*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Jun) $17.20bbl ($17.25)
* Denotes latest trading price

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.30	2.15
Austria Sch	20.30	19.00
Belgium Fr	59.90	56.00
Canada $	1.98	1.88
Denmark Kr	11.03	10.33
Finland Mkk	6.85	6.45
France Fr	9.66	9.06
Germany Dm	2.887	2.707
Greece Dr	278	262
Hong Kong $	13.40	12.50
Ireland Pt	1.085	1.015
Italy Lira	2120	1990
Japan Yen	274	258
Netherlands Gld	3.22	3.04
Norway Kr	11.24	10.54
Portugal Esc	256.25	240.25
South Africa Rd	5.10	4.60
Spain Pta	181	169
Sweden Kr	10.44	9.84
Switzerland Fr	2.50	2.34
Turkey Lira	4335	3935
USA $	1.72	1.62
Yugoslavia Dnr	24.50	17.50

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 121.4 (March)

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Liabilities of up to £1bn at Atlantic

By Angela Mackay

ATLANTIC Computers, the computer leasing subsidiary of British & Commonwealth, the cash-strapped financial services group, has gross liabilities of between £500 million and £1 billion, according to Price Waterhouse, its administrator.

Mr Peter Padmore, one of the two administrators, said unsecured creditors' chances of receiving a payout were "grim" and that there was "a certain inevitability" that Atlantic would be put into liquidation.

Moreover, Atlantic's dilemma could take "several years" to unravel considering most of the company's 2,500 leases will not expire for up to six years.

B&C's shares were suspended last month after the company announced it was writing off its £550 million investment in Atlantic. B&C has embarked on a £750 million asset disposal programme to stave off creditors.

Analysts consider B&C may be forced to make more provisions when it reports its 1989 results next month.

Price Waterhouse said the company's US operations may provide a source of "major recoveries" for Atlantic's 200 creditors, including Royal Bank of Canada.

The US group, which owes £84 million to its British parent, has no liquidity problems. Mr John Soden, the other administrator, confirmed that all the US assets would be sold.

Mr Soden said redundancies had been made in the US including Mr Philip Gold, the chief executive.

Atlantic's leading European vehicles, Atlantic Holdings NV — the holding company — and Atlantic Nederland BV, are insolvent because of intercompany claims and a £19 million tax liability.

Mr Padmore said Mr David McCormick, Atlantic Computers' chief executive who was suspended in March, had resigned 10 days ago.

The administrators said they were waiting for statements of affairs from directors before they could accurately quantify liabilities, but the statements could be late.

Several offers have been made to buy parts of the business and there have been offers to manage the lease portfolio until it matures.

Mr Soden said the 2,500 leases had to be "stratified" because each was unique and tailor-made for users. He said the £600 million British portfolio comprised about 1,000 blue-chip end users.

None of the lease holders had exercised "flex" or "walk" clauses. These allow customers to terminate leases before maturity.

Price Waterhouse has already sold one of Atlantic's companies — Wakebourne, a computer maintenance group — for an undisclosed amount.

B&C was yesterday granted a respite by its unsecured loanstock holders, who could have forced the company into liquidation for being in technical breach of its covenants. They are not taking action while awaiting proposals from B&C.

'Grim chance': John Soden, left, and Peter Padmore

MICHAEL POWELL

Two-way bet: Eugene Anderson, the Ferranti chairman, whose performance-based share options were confirmed

Write-offs at Ferranti likely to reach £200m

By Our City Staff

FERRANTI International, the defrauded electronics and defence group, is expected to halve its net asset value by writing off about £200 million in 1989-90 after a rigorous review initiated by Mr Eugene Anderson, the new chairman and chief executive.

At an extraordinary general meeting to approve Mr Anderson's remuneration, he said "write-offs of a trading and extraordinary type will be very substantial" when the company announces its results in July. He noted that the result of the reassessment will be "a modest addition to shareholder funds."

Mr Anderson also made some implied criticisms of Sir Derek Alun-Jones, his predecessor, pointing out that the company's performance over the past few years had been unsatisfactory in addition to the problems caused by ISC, its subsidiary.

Mr Ian McLeod, electronics analyst at County NatWest, the broker, said Mr Anderson's comments implied write-offs of £200 million. "This will have the effect of almost halving the net asset value of the company after disposals," he said.

Ferranti shares eased 1.5p to close at 42.5p after a low of 41.5p. Ferranti embarked on a series of asset sales after discovering a £215 million hole in its balance sheet last September caused by suspected fraudulent defence contracts at ISC. It has started legal action against Mr James Guerin, the former deputy chairman, who also founded ISC, three other executives and Peat Marwick, Ferranti's former auditor.

The main asset sold was the group's radar division to GEC for £270 million. UBS Phillips and Drew, the broker, last week increased its forecast loss of £30 million in 1989-90 to £50 million but also suggested that looking beyond the restructuring, Ferranti shares were "a very attractive purchase." In 1991, the company was forecast to produce pre-tax profits of £30 million.

The report also said Ferranti had a break-up value of 70p and that the company is trading at a 20 per cent discount to the sector.

After some debate, shareholders approved Mr Anderson's package which includes options on 9.35 million Ferranti shares at a strike price of 36.8p a share which equates to about 1.5 per cent of the company. Mr Anderson also bought 650,000 shares in March for about 41.5p each.

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Pru-Bache cuts more UK staff

By Our Financial Staff

ONE of the first American groups to enter the London stock market is to cut its operation to the bare minimum — after almost six years attempting to break through.

Pru-Bache Securities, owned by the American Prudential insurance group, is to cut two-thirds of the remaining staff of its British equity dealing operation, Prudential-Bache Capital Funding (Equities), leaving just 10.

At the same time, Credito Italiano will give a boost to London by joining Seaq International, the Stock Exchange electronic share quotation system, to make markets in 11 leading Italian shares.

Pru-Bache backed a new London stockbroking firm which started with 40 staff in 1984, more than two years before barriers against full foreign ownership were brought down in the Stock Exchange Big Bang of 1986.

The latest cuts will end UK-generated research, but the market-making and broking operation will continue. Pru-Bache Securities will still have 480 staff in London, but most of these deal in American shares and commodities.

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Globe to lobby MPs

THE chairman of Globe Investment Trust, which is fighting £1.03 billion bid from the British Coal Pension Funds, said he will fight the "nationalization" of the investment trust.

Mr David Hardy, speaking at the annual meeting of Candover Investments, the management buy-out specialist in which Globe has a 16.2 per cent stake, said the trust is planning a shareholders' rally in Westminster to protest to MPs.

"So long as Globe remains independent," he said, "it will continue to support Candover. But like so many of its innovative investments, Candover would be under threat if Globe were nationalized by the Coal Board."

DAF gives warning of a loss

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

DAF, the Eindhoven-based truck-maker which took over the Leyland trucks operation in Britain, has given a warning that it faces a loss in the first half of this year. A big downturn in demand in Britain is blamed.

The first-half loss, compared with the same period of last year, could be between £6.6 million and £10 million, DAF said. First-half profits last year were more than £24 million.

Since predicting lower first-half results in its annual report, the trend has worsened, the company said. However, it still expects full-year results to show a profitas it brings in efficiency improvements. Deliveries will be down in the first half, but should be equal in the full year to the 1989 total of 58,660 commercial vehicles.

Falling profits in the closing months of last year were noticeable in the UK because business activities were hit by low exchange rates and high interest rates, DAF said.

The company has revised its forecast mainly because UK demand has declined further and sales of light commercial vehicles have dropped in France.

Market demand in the UK is running about 25 per cent down compared with the same time last year. An improvement is not expected before the second half of this year.

To counter the effects of the sales slowdown, DAF has brought in a "stringent" profit improvement programme. It earlier announced productivity improvements, cost savings and improved efficiency.

CBI is predicting more job losses

By Colin Narbrough, Economics Correspondent

EMPLOYMENT in manufacturing industry is set to fall by an average 18,000 a month over the next three months as companies seek to protect profits and market share against the strongest rise in costs for more than five years, the Confederation of British Industry said yesterday.

Economists believe a rise in unemployment would help curb inflation, but a collapse in the labour market would embarrass the Government.

With annual inflation heading for double digits, unit labour costs surging, and the trade gap not closing as expected, the Government has relied heavily on jobs for evidence of the success of its policies.

But the latest CBI quarterly industrial trends survey identifies another worry for the Government. The squeeze appears to be causing most damage to smaller firms, many of which are products of the "enterprise culture."

Mr David Wigglesworth, chairman of the CBI economic situation committee, said one had to feel "sorry" for small companies. Encouraged to borrow, they were now having to pay 50-per-cent higher interest rates. Furthermore, they did not have the access to equity borrowing open to big companies.

He voiced concern about the high cost of borrowing for smaller firms and their limited scope for responding to falling home demand by shedding labour or switching to exports. "The UK needs entrepreneurial seeds for the future," he stressed.

The CBI's strong warning on employment accompanied survey findings that showed business confidence declining for the sixth consecutive quarter. The survey covers companies accounting for about half of Britain's exports and manufacturing.

Though it pointed to a slight decline in the risk of the economy going into recession, as buoyant exports sustain output, the CBI is deeply worried by a decline in investment intentions.

Smaller firms reported sharply weaker investment plans, while bigger companies and producers of capital goods plan more investment, again highlighting the gap between big and small.

Mr Wigglesworth said lower investment intentions reflected the squeeze on companies' profits exerted by the high cost of finance and labour, while the drop in home demand is making it difficult for British manufacturers to match the productivity growth of their main rivals abroad.

"As a result, it seems likely that many thousands of jobs will be lost as companies seek to reduce their unit costs to remain competitive in world markets," he said.

It is "critical" that Britain's unit labour costs do not get out of line with those of its competitors.

On Monday, Mr John Banham, the CBI director-general, called for Britain to stop paying itself more dividends, salaries and wages than it earned.

Though gloomy, the survey indicated that the risk of a recession has receded slightly.

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Lloyd's is facing legal threat

By Gillian Bowditch

MORE than 150 American members of Lloyd's, who are facing huge losses on two RHM Outhwaite syndicates, are considering taking legal action against Lloyd's.

The US names have received legal opinion from the New York firm Breed, Abbott & Morgan, which, they say, is extremely encouraging.

A five-man committee is co-ordinating the US names. There are 1,600 names worldwide on Outhwaite syndicates 317/661 who are facing losses of £304 million and who have paid out around £100 million. Names are expecting a cash call of about £100 million this summer.

Around 900 Outhwaite names have joined the legal action being taken in Britain against RHM Outhwaite and a number of members' agents.

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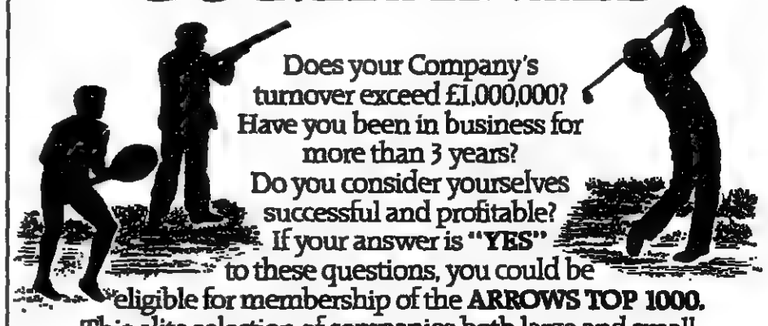

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Chairman aims to quadruple sales to £200m in five years

Rank Xerox to multiply with glasnost

By Wolfgang Münchau, European Business Correspondent

RANK Xerox, one of the largest manufacturers of photocopiers, has unveiled plans to quadruple its exposure to the Soviet market during the next five years.

Photocopiers have until recently been widely banned throughout the Eastern bloc, partly in an attempt to curb the spread of "subversive" pamphlets and literature. They are now being considered a typical product of the *glasnost* era.

The market for photocopiers is still depressed with 40 copiers per 1 million of the Soviet population against 3,000 per 1 million in Western Europe.

Mr David Thompson, chairman of Rank Xerox (UK), said he hoped to increase sales from £50 million per year to at least £200 million in five years although Xerox's market share, currently at 50 per cent, will drop sharply as a result of increased competition from Japanese companies, like Canon. Nevertheless, Mr Thompson considers the Eastern bloc market as the fastest growing in the world during this decade.

The company will invest about £11 million over the next 18 months to expand its Eastern European business. But with a shortage of foreign currency in the Soviet Union about 70 per cent of revenues will be settled in barter deals.

"We have become handy at trading in camel saddles, animal feed, fertilizer, hanging baskets, marble, furniture and other fascinating goods," Mr Thompson said. "Two of our favourite products are Bulgarian beer and wine."

The high proportion of barter trade against hard currency is unlikely to fall in the near future, as the Soviets, who until recently enjoyed a reputation for paying promptly, now find it increasingly difficult to meet payment terms.

Xerox, which has been trading with Eastern Europe for 25 years, runs one Copy Shop in Moscow. There are plans to open two more stores, in Kiev and in Leningrad. The company's Eastern European business will continue to be managed out of London, although its East German operation will come under its West German subsidiary.

Mr Thompson, however, expressed some concern that British industry is not sufficiently geared up to do deals with the Eastern bloc. "It is disappointing that so few British companies are prepared to invest in Eastern Europe, compared with their continental counterparts."

Mr Ralph Land, Xerox's general manager of Eastern Exports operations, said that the process of change is likely to continue for some time to come. On a long term projection, market growth of photocopiers is estimated to rise 16-fold by the end of this decade.

Mr Harry to cease output in South

MR HARRY, the high street clothing group, is to stop production in the South with the loss of more than 180 jobs.

Production at the company's factory at Woodley, near Reading, is due to stop next month. The entire operation is to move to Hartlepool, Cleveland.

Mr Harry Rael-Brook, chairman and joint managing director, said fluctuating staff levels had forced the company to move.

"The demand for menswear is growing, but we have not always been able to meet that demand due to an ongoing departure of production staff," he said.

ECGD to move

The Export Credits Guarantee Department will next year become the first Government department to relocate to London Docklands. The ECGD, whose present City headquarters on Ludgate Hill houses 500 staff, will start to move to the Harbour Exchange development from the summer.

Gas plans

British Gas has denied reports that it had immediate plans for a sharp increase in oil imports from Norway, although such a move could not be ruled out at some time. According to a spokesman British Gas is keen to achieve a lifting of restrictions on the import of foreign gas.

Anglian venture

Anglian Water has formed a joint venture with Sir Alexander Gibb & Partners, the consulting engineers, to provide consultancy services to the water industry abroad. Anglian will give Gibb design and supervision work for £40 million of its domestic investment over the next two years.

Owners issue

More than two-thirds of Owners Abroad's £17.25 million rights issue to finance its purchase of Redwing, the tour operator, has been left with the underwriters. Only 29 per cent of the convertible preference shares have been taken up by shareholders.

Opec gathers

Opec ministers have gathered in Geneva for crisis talks on cuts in output needed to end a glut which has sent world oil prices down by 25 per cent since January and could threaten a new drop.

Heal's ballot

Shopworkers at two Heal's stores, the furniture chain which is part of the Storehouse group, are to be balloted on industrial action after claiming their pay has been cut by up to £1,000 a year.

Cargo advances

Pre-tax profits at Cargo Control almost doubled from £154,000 to £295,000 in 1989. The company is paying a final dividend of 0.1p, the first since the business was reversed into Jantar last year.

Shearson deal

Shearson Lehman Hutton, the US investment bank, is to extend its relationship with Nippon Life Insurance with a new joint venture in Panagora Asset Management.

Apollo ahead

Apollo Watch Products reports pre-tax profits of £1.38 million for 1989, against £1.04 million. The annual dividend is lifted from 0.45p to 0.5p.

TEMPUS

No surprises as latest Ellis call heralds collapse in share price

IN THE past year, Ellis & Everard's shares have twice raced towards 240p, only to collapse each time to about 180p. Ellis is a bit puzzled by this volatility.

Stakes held by the board – chaired by Mr Mike Marshall – and ICI account for more than 30 per cent of the equity, making a bid unlikely, and a dozen British institutions have been stable holders of a further 50 per cent.

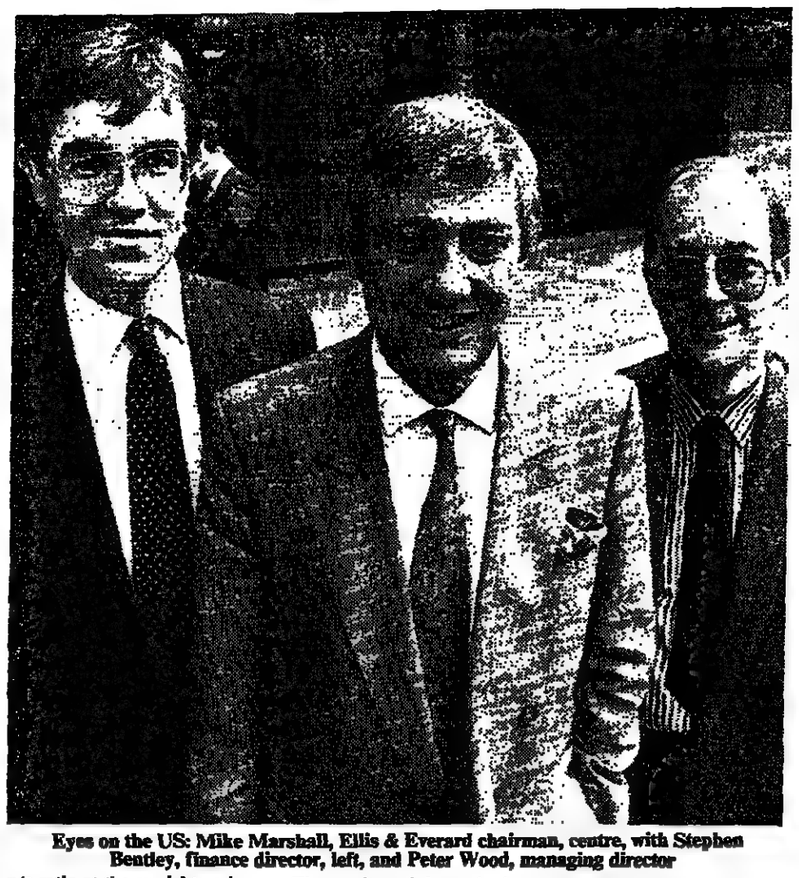
However, if the magnitude of the share price fluctuations remains a mystery, the timing of the latest collapse should come as no surprise. The shares fell 16p to 180p yesterday on news of a 1-for-3 rights issue at 152p. The bulk of the £29 million proceeds will go towards the acquisition of two more US chemical distributors, 18 months after a £25 million call for the same purpose.

The 1988 call caused a temporary setback to the share price, but at least Ellis could then look back on a five-year period in which earnings per share had grown at an annual rate of 25 per cent. Now, Ellis is less well supported by its immediate record.

The company estimates that its profits for the year ended last month will be not less than £15 million, though it does not forecast its earnings. Brokers estimate that, at best, these will turn out at about 18p, just 6 per cent up on the 17p notched up in 1988-89. However, after the 16 per cent rise to 9.3p in the first half, that result would imply some decline in the second.

Of course, a smooth record of earnings growth is not everything – although it is quite important for a company making regular calls on shareholders to support its expansion. Ellis's latest US purchases, HVC and Kramer, will extend its existing distribution businesses in the eastern seaboard and southern states. It is paying $29.5 million for companies which made $4 million before tax, but a low tax charge and economies on insurance costs mean the price works out at less than 12 times earnings.

If Ellis makes £21 million in the current year, boosting its own earnings by another penny to 19p, the prospective p/e ratio at the ex-rights price of 173p will be about 9, which is reasonable. Whether the shares are about to shoot back up to 240p is more questionable.



Eyes on the US: Mike Marshall, Ellis & Everard chairman, centre, with Stephen Bentley, finance director, left, and Peter Wood, managing director

LOFs

THE one-year share price graph of London & Overseas Freighters looks like a series of high tide waves – showing a share price which rolled from 76p last May to touch 120p in July, fell back to 77p in October, then challenged 125p again in March, only to fall back to 111p.

The year's profit performance is somewhat smoother, and, since showing a $1.9 million pre-tax loss in 1988, and a $1 million pre-tax profit in 1989, there has been further progress to $1.32 million of pre-tax profits for the year ended March 31, 1990.

The result, and the outlook, is good enough to justify the dividend rising from 0.6p to 1p – only the third dividend payment since 1980 – covered a healthy 6.2 times by sterling net earnings.

LOFs still suffers from a debt burden with gross interest charges of $1.84 million on $16 million of debt, though the fleet repair bill which jumped from $274,000 to $836,000 could be non-recurring. In addition, administration expenses rose from $500,000 to $804,000.

The group's two eight-year-old vessels are plying at higher average daily charter rates ($1,400 up at $13,600 a day) and remain in demand. One spent most of the year on charter to Chevron, the other was largely in US and European waters.

LOFs is likely to acquire modern tankers this year, deals which will be funded internally, so the debt burden could start to rise again.

The substantial part of the equity (64 per cent) remains in the hands of the Kulukundis family, who despite specific mention of the higher costs of maintaining a share market quote, intend to keep LOFs listed.

If charter rates remain firm, net earnings should sail forward again this year – possibly to the 7.3p a share level.

At 111p, up 5p on results, the prospective p/e is 15.2 – well above the market, and well up with the tide.

Ashley Group

SPAIN may no longer be a fashionable holiday place but it is all the rage among British businesses, especially retailers. Ashley Group, which is run by part of the old Gateway management team, has been there longer than most, with the bulk of its profits coming from Spanish food retailing.

Spain is attractive to food retailers for a number of reasons. The economy has one of the best growth rates in Europe, the market is fragmented and immature, and there is scope for sales and margin growth through the use of the types of systems and technology which have brought riches to the large British food retailers.

Ashley certainly appears to be reaping the benefits. Pre-tax profits for the six months to February were £5.84 million, up from £1.86 million on sales of £123 million, up from £89 million. Earnings per share rose from 2.82p to 4.11p and the interim dividend is 0.65p, up from 0.5p.

Digsa, the Spanish food distribution business which operates 177 Compre Bien stores and has 579 franchised CB Ahorro supermarkets, contributed £3.4 million, up from £1.78 million. Like-for-like sales growth is about 5 per cent and there are plans for six more Compre Bien stores in the second half.

Ashley's other main business, Apollo, the Glasgow window blind retailer, contributed £2.27 million to profits, £1.37 million in the second half. Apollo provides an earnings stream to offset the advance corporation tax burden on the group's dividends, and the business is being developed in Europe.

Ashley's balance sheet is strong and the group is expected to have gearing of about 10 per cent at the year-end. Ashley may suffer from the perception that it is a company which grows only by acquistion and while Spanish food retailing acquisitions will be considered, the group says it has no plans for a rights issue.

The shares, up 4p to 92p, are trading on a p/e ratio of 10.5 times, assuming pre-tax profits of £12.5 million, and are half way between their high and low point for the last 12 months. Assuming Spain is the growth market many believe it to be, the shares should perform well in the long term but could have a bumpy ride getting there.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Waterford workers to continue strike

WORKERS at the Waterford crystal plant of the troubled Waterford Wedgwood group have voted to continue their strike. The 2,300 workers at Waterford's three plants went on strike over management cost-cutting plans when the company stopped bonus payments for 500 glass cutters. Mr Paddy Galvin, Waterford chief executive, said: "I earnestly entreat the union leaders to meet me and my colleagues . . . to try to resolve a highly dangerous and traumatic impasse."

Waterford Wedgwood, hit by a slump in the US and British markets, made a pre-tax loss last year of Ir£20.6 million (£20.05 million) with accumulated debts of Ir£125 million. In March, a group of investors led by Mr Tony O'Reilly, chairman, of HJ Heinz, the food group, and Morgan Stanley, the New York investment bank, took a 29.9 per cent stake in the group. Waterford was unchanged at 30p.

James Beattie makes £8.8m

THE Midlands department store group James Beattie produced pre-tax profits of £8.8 million for the year to January 31, against £8.01 million previously. Trading profits were down, but cash balances earned interest of £2.5 million against £1.63 million before. Earnings per share were 12.51p (11.25p) and the final dividend is 3.8p, making 5p (4.5p).

Profits slump at Chrysler

A SHARP fall in first-quarter earnings due to the slump in the US car industry was reported by Chrysler Motor Corporation. Profits fell from $351 million in the first quarter of 1989 to $71 million after a fall in sales from $9.6 billion to $7.5 billion. Profits in 1989 as a whole were down to $315 million, after restructuring costs.

Computer growth 'to slow'

MR JOHN Akers, chairman of International Business Machines, told shareholders that although the ebullient days of high-technology growth may be over, plenty of opportunity remains for computer makers.

Mr Akers said at the annual meeting that he expects the worldwide computer market to grow at about 7 to 10 per cent a year, down from its traditional growth rate of 15 per cent. He also emphasized that IBM, which had sales of $62.7 billion last year, will benefit from cutting staff by 50,000 and eliminating two layers of management. He indicated that there may be additional measures to make the company more efficient.

Leisure bid deadline set

EUROPEAN Leisure has set Friday May 11 as the final deadline in its bid for Midsummer Leisure after better-than-expected acceptances totalling 34.33 per cent by Monday's first closing date. The total includes the 19.8 per cent previously committed to the offer, of which 15.1 per cent was held by the directors who later withdrew their recommendation.

Resignation of B&T chief

BROWN & Tawse Group, the distributor of pipeline and steel products which in 1989 set up a "special products" division and made Mr Colin Milne its managing director, said Mr Milne "has resigned as a director of the company and has left the group with effect from April 30." Mr Milne was previously the group's finance director.

'Clean up' man to go

PRESIDENT Bush has asked Mr William Sideman, the widely respected chairman of the US Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, to step down shortly to allow a new person to handle the savings and loan industry "clean up". Mr Sideman, who is 69 next month, has said he would like to go before his present term expires next year.

Part of his job is to handle the sale of over $200 billion in US property held by failed savings and loans institutions, and he recently told President Bush the cost of this would be far higher than original estimates. The latest official estimate puts the cost at $500 billion over the next 30 years.

HK firm moves into Ulster

By Robert Rodwell

A HONG Kong textile manufacturer is about to announce plans to open a plant at Antrim in Northern Ireland offering 300 jobs.

The project, to be grant-aided by Ulster's Industrial Development Board (IDB), will be followed by three other foreign manufacturing investments, one each from West Germany, the United States and Japan, within the next few weeks.

They will raise the number of jobs resulting from inward investments by 14 companies with the help of the IDB during the year to the end of April to almost 2,000. Investors are principally from overseas.

Stormont officials are delighted with the widened spread of inward investments attracted to Ulster in 1989-90, which compares with 1,850 jobs from only seven companies in the previous year.

Talk of shake-up for Harlin boosts Elders

From David Tweed
Sydney

SHARES in Elders IXL, the Australian brewer, rebounded on the Australian Stock Exchange yesterday; it is believed that Harlin Holdings, the debt-laden private company that holds 55 per cent of Elders, is close to a finanacial reconstruction.

Concerns over Harlin arose after Elders stock lost 30 per cent of its market value in the past four weeks, but the Elders shares rose 5 cents to close at Aus$1.74.

A source close to negotiations with the company's lenders said Harlin was aiming to complete its restructuring soon, after which an announcement would be made.

It is believed Harlin is represented in the talks by Mr Peter Scanlon, its deputy chairman, with input from Mr John Elliott, the chairman, who is also chairman and chief executive of Elders.

Involved in talks: John Elliott, chairman of Elders

The reconstruction is aimed at providing some form of relief for Harlin from its Aus$2.8 billion (£1.2 billion) debts. Harlin's assets consist of 1.2 billion Elders shares, representing 55 per cent of its capital, and 537 million options at varying strike prices.

"All we are waiting for now is some sort of statement from either Elders or Harlin to reassure the market," one broker said.

Meanwhile, AFP Group, which has a 25 per cent interest in Harlin, is believed to be unlikely to subscribe more funds to the company, despite Harlin's desperate search for equity from existing or new partners.

BHP, the huge Australian resource group, said it is confident about the security of its Aus$850 million investment in Harlin preference shares.

A BHP spokesman confirmed meetings had been held with Harlin over the financing arrangement during the past two weeks, although he believed none was scheduled for this week.

Concern over Harlin intensified on Friday after the referral of Elders' pubs-for-breweries swap with Grand Metropolitan to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

The deal was a key to Elders' proposed restructure, which aimed at the splitting the company into brewing and agribusiness divisions, selling its remaining assets and returning cash to shareholders through capital return.

Microwave boost for cable TV

By Nick Nuttall
Technology Correspondent

THE cable television industry has been given a boost by Mr Eric Forth, the Industry Minister, who plans to release a band of microwave radio link frequencies to expand cable services.

The frequencies, to be available by next March, should help particularly in remote areas.

Until now, cable television companies have faced heavy costs trying to link small towns or areas divided by natural obstacles such as water.

Microwave links or "hubs" should, however, allow operators to distribute programmes faster and more cheaply. They should also help cable firms to compete with satellite television.

Mr Andrew Stone, director of finance at Cable London, said the industry had been pushing for microwave links. He said the frequencies, in the 17.3 to 17.7 gigaHertz band, would give homes in remote areas, where councils have objected to satellite dishes on environmental grounds, a wider choice of programming.

Mr Stone said, however, that operators would probably phase out the microwave links for fibre optic cables as networks matured.

Broadband cable television franchises are expected to cover 14 million homes by the end of the summer, according to Government estimates.

CGT warning in Camford defence

By Our City Staff

THE board of Camford Engineering, under siege from Mr John Spalvins' Markheath Securities, has posted its final defence document to shareholders.

After raising its bid to 330p a share last week, Markheath's offer now values Camford at about £70 million. But that, says Mr Brian Cox, Camford's chairman, "totally fails to put a proper value on the company."

The document also points out that shareholders who bought their shares more than four years ago may be facing a capital gains tax liability of 87p a share.

Camford's shares, however, stand at 331p, just ahead of Markheath's offer. Markheath currently owns about 37 per cent of Camford.

Mr Cox believes Markheath's offer, after stripping out property sales worth 128p a share, puts Camford's engineering business on a prospective price/earnings multiple of under 8.1. That, he says, "is derisory."

Mr Cox believes the prospects for the British car industry are bright, with car production rising by 46 per cent by 1995. "Established UK car component makers such as Camford will benefit directly from expansion of vehicle output," he says.

ICI faces satisfactory year, says Henderson

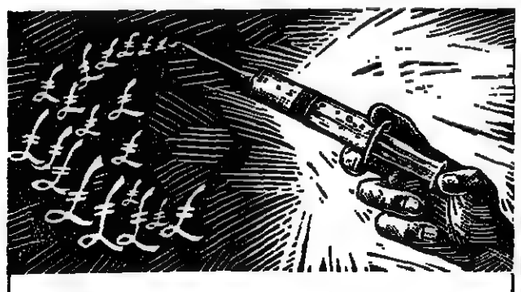
By Our City Staff

SIR Denys Henderson, the chairman of ICI, told shareholders that, barring any further sharp economic downturn, he was confident the strength of the group's business portfolio should ensure another "reasonably satisfactory" year.

Sir Denys told the annual meeting that Monday's first-quarter results, which showed a £28 million decline to £414 million, was encouraging, given the more difficult economic conditions when compared with the early part of last year.

"I would like to emphasize strongly that we are better prepared than at any time in our history, both to seize opportunities and to embrace change.

"The strategic re-direction of the 1980s has allowed us to enter the new decade in excellent shape, with much improved financial ratios, better productivity, stronger research and technology and a much more balanced, more international portfolio."



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Chiquita to raise $130m via worldwide share placing

By Gillian Bowditch

CHIQUITA Brands International, the American fresh food company, is offering 15 per cent of its shares in a worldwide placing to raise about $130 million.

About 6 per cent of the company, one of the world's biggest banana distributors, is expected to end in European hands.

The group, which is valued at about $800 million on the New York Stock Exchange, is 65 per cent owned by the Lindner family and was established by Mr Carl Lindner about 50 years ago.

Chiquita is currently in the middle of a European roadshow and is hoping that the success of other fresh foods businesses, such as Albert Fisher and Polly Peck, will make it attractive to British and European institutional shareholders.

There are no plans to seek a listing on the London International Stock Exchange immediately. But the company says it is considering such a move in the longer term.

Chiquita is keen to expand in Europe which currently accounts for about 25 per cent of its turnover and is looking to acquire European food businesses.

It recently submitted a bid for the Del Monte fresh food business but was pipped by Polly Peck.

Mr Keith Lindner, Chiquita's president and son of the founder, says having European shareholders will help the company acquire European businesses.

Of the money being raised in the placing, about $40 million will go back into the business for acquisitions and expansion.

Chiquita presently has cash balances of about $300 million but says that it would also consider issuing shares for acquisitions.

The shares are currently trading in the United States at about $20.

Food chief hits out at greedy 80s

From A Correspondent

THE "outrageously greedy Eighties" were criticized by Mr Alistair Grant, chairman of Argyll, the Safeway and Presto food group.

"Over the past 10 years, perhaps the least attractive aspect of our free market system. . . has been the breed of self-styled entrepreneurs who are essentially gamblers on the market and on interest rates," Mr Grant said.

He hoped now for "a decade in which aggression and energy are tempered by financial prudence and social concern."

Mr Grant was speaking in Edinburgh at a lunch to mark the ScotBIC awards, for outstanding examples of Scottish business in the community.

Domino chief resigns

By Our City Staff

MR Alan Barrell, chief executive of Domino Printing Sciences, has resigned. He intends to set up a marketing services consultancy.

Domino yesterday said that it continues to trade well, and there have been significant increases in sales and forward orders.

The shares traded unchanged at 162p.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

ABI Leisure (125p)	113
ADG Group (14p)	16½
Abtrust New Euro (100p)	94 +1
Argos Plc	193½
Beta Global Emerg (100p)	88
Bioplan Hldgs (1p)	20 +1
Buckingham Nw	81 +1
Courtaulds Textiles	241 +6
Dakota Gp Nw	43 +1
Dartmoor Inv Tst (100p)	92
Euromoney	328
F&C German	119
First Ireland (100p)	87
Fleming Euro IT	95
French Prop Tst	96 –1
Gartmore Emerg Pacific	53
German IT	86 +1
Goldsmmith	131
Henderson Highland (100p)	92
Mrtn Currie Euro (100p)	101 –1
Midland Radio	130
Novalai (100p)	99
Nthn Investors	203
Plateau Mining	60 –1
QS Hldgs (100p)	108
Siem Select (100p)	98
TR High Inc (520p)	100
Torday & Carlisle (155p)	148
Venturi Inv Tst	10
Wiltshire Brew (70p)	65

See main listing for Water shares

RIGHTS ISSUES

Bioplan N/P	¾
Cramphorn N/P	40 –3
Nthn Investors N/P	2
Oliver Res N/P	11 +1
Paribas N/P	65 –23

(Issue price in brackets).

Shortfall of up to £100m in LUI's claims reserves

By Neil Bennett, Banking Correspondent

WALBROOK Insurance, London United Investments' principal subsidiary, may be technically insolvent following confirmation that LUI needs to increase its claims reserves by up to £100 million.

Mr Peter Wilson, LUI's chief executive, said a draft report by Tillinghast, the consulting actuary, claimed the group needed another £75 million to £100 million to cover escalating claims on its US liability policies. It is unable to fund the increase from its own resources.

The extra liability is lower than market estimates which suggested a shortfall of up to £200 million. The full report will be delivered to the Department of Trade and Industry soon.

Walbrook was suspended by the DTI from taking on new business in March, pending publication of Tillinghast's report. Its shares were suspended and six of its smaller subsidiaries stopped paying out on claims.

Its problems stemmed from its specialist US long-tail liability insurance which has been hit by a rising number of asbestosis, pollution and professional indemnity claims.

The shortfall means Walbrook will almost certainly be forced to go into a run-off state, and simply pay old claims as they arise, while it still has sufficient reserves.

Meanwhile, a consortium of British and US insurers led by Sedgwick, the broker, is trying to agree terms of a rescue package for Walbrook and other LUI underwriting companies. This would provide funds for the companies to meet all future claims.

One member of the committee discussing refinancing said it was making efforts to keep Walbrook out of insolvency to avoid the threat of action from US companies against brokers like Sedgwick who placed risks with HS Weavers, LUI's underwriting agent. The consortium is trying to organize an immediate cash injection and longer-term finance commitments to cover future claims. Insurers hold out little hope that Walbrook or HS Weavers will trade again as going concerns.

Senior sources in the Lloyd's insurance market have attacked Tillinghast's assessment as too low, given the age and size of the liabilities.

One insurance consultant said the reserves may need to be increased again as the flow of claims continues to rise, and that insurers will be unwilling to contribute to a rescue package while the final size of the shortfall in LUI is unknown.

The Guinness trial

Auditor denies 'colouring his notes'

A CHARTERED accountant was accused at Southwark Crown Court yesterday of allowing the explosion of the Guinness affair to colour his notes of meetings with Mr Ernest Saunders, the dismissed chief executive.

Mr Howard Hughes, Guinness auditor, was alleged to have written up a record of conversations with Mr Saunders after the event.

But Mr Hughes maintained all the notes, with one exception, were written contemporaneously. He said a record of a private meeting with Mr Saunders on November 25, 1986, was not made until January 8, 1987. And that was because the matters discussed then became significant.

Mr Hughes said he had raised four areas of concern involving the £2.7 billion takeover of Distillers.

When a government inquiry was launched into the bid he said Mr Saunders assured him he knew nothing that would embarrass the company. But, weeks later, a letter from Mr Olivier Roux, the former finance director, alleging Mr Saunders was involved in improper transactions, was like a firebell going off.

Mr Richard Ferguson, QC, defending Mr Saunders, alleged the notes were made after the letter had been examined. "That you sat down and realized at long last what had happened and you were compiling for your own use, and to show other people, a set of notes of your recollections of a number of meetings. All compiled after the event and consistent with the stance you took."

Mr Hughes said: "At no time did we create evidence."

Mr Ferguson said: "Not create, but I suggest after January 8 if you had started to look back at events in December you may well and understandably seen events in a different fashion and that may have coloured your recollection. Not a concsious fabrication."

Mr Saunders, aged 54, and three others variously deny 24 counts including theft, false accounting, and breaches of the Companies Act.

The trial continues today.

COMMENT

CBI paints a picture of less stag' more 'flation

The pattern which emerges from the latest quarterly industrial trends survey of the Confederation of British Industry is one of less stag' more 'flation.

The good news is that there is no sign of slow growth in the economy turning into recession. The bad news is that price pressures are high and rising.

Factory orders are up a little and output in the next four months is expected to increase slightly, though more of industry claims to be operating below capacity. Although many firms still think their stocks are too high, the decline in output appears to have bottomed out.

Part of the reason for this tolerable situation is the buoyancy of exports which are still rising quite strongly. A balance of 14 per cent of firms said they were more optimistic about higher overseas sales than four months ago. Given present cost pressures that is good news especially after the latest trade figures.

On inflation it is difficult to know whether to feel gloomier or be mildly reassured. Prices are rising strongly with more companies reporting price increases both in retrospect and prospect. This is worrying news.

But prices are still rising more slowly than costs. The implication is that company profits are being squeezed, and this in time should exercise pressure further up the pipeline curbing the level of pay increases.

Meanwhile, the effects of the squeeze are bound to be unpleasant. As the survey shows, investment is likely to fall with a balance of 8 per cent of firms expecting to spend less on plant and machinery in the next 12 months. This must be bad for industry's longer term competitiveness, though the fall is from a high level reached in the previous boom.

The other obvious area in which to economize is on staff. Manufacturing employment is likely to fall more steeply with a net 22 per cent of firms expecting to reduce employment in the next four months.

This is part of a trend which has been going on for much longer than the present downturn, but it reinforces the view that the Government is facing an electorally inconvenient reversal of the long fall in unemployment overall.

Big players in smaller game

The lack of turnover on the Stock Exchange, where trading is reported to have fallen by up to a half on the none too busy levels of a year ago, seems to be evoking a different response this time.

Instead of big new entrants such as Morgan Grenfell or Chase Manhattan pulling out of their main securities operations, there has thus far been a more general but more subtle pulling in of horns among firms that made a considered decision to keep going in the first round of retrenchment.

This has been most manifest in the unhappy experiences of James Capel, the leading research house that opted at Big Bang to stick to stockbroking in equities.

This apparently successful early policy has been put under enormous strain by the shortage of turnover and the drive to cut commissions. Capel has recently suffered progressive losses of high profile staff in the wake of the disagreements between former chairman Peter Quinnen and the parent Hongkong Bank.

Pru-Bache, the latest to cut staff, is something of a sad case. It was one of the earliest foreign financial groups to move into the Exchange, by backing a new broking firm in 1984, and eschewed the massive me-too ambitions and spending of others in the approach to Big Bang.

But the cautious long-term approach has still not avoided the perils of winning too little business.

The big players, a few of which have been making respectable profits until recently, will want to sit on good shares of available business while the market sorts itself out.

It remains to be seen whether all will have the nerve and financial resources to do so indefinitely. Switches and heavier trading in gilt-edged stocks, the traditional quid pro quo for dull share markets, have notably failed to materialize: the gilt-edged market is sicker than equities.

More attention will now also be focused on the Japanese houses, especially the all-conquering Nomura, which have hitherto been able to build up long-term market share in London on the strength of huge profits in Tokyo.

Those domestic profits are likely to look sick this year, prompting a review of overheads worldwide. But saving face may play a more important role than it has for American groups pruning ailing peripheral businesses to stem losses in their own home market.

IMF quotas likely to rise by 50%

By Rodney Lord
Economics Editor

COUNTRY quotas in the International Monetary Fund are likely to be increased by 50 per cent at the Interim Committee meeting in Washington next Monday, plus or minus a relatively small amount.

Whether the increase is just above 50 per cent or just below will depend mainly on when the next review is held.

Britain will be pressing for a five-year gap between the time when the present increase is agreed and the deadline for the next increase. The Fund and some member countries are keen that the gap be measured from when the present quota increase was supposed to have been agreed, in 1988, rather than when it is actually agreed.

The other main issue to be decided is the positions of different countries in the Fund's ranking. Although Britain has made an offer to forego part of its quota increase to help Japan rise to number two, France is unwilling to be fifth behind Britain.

Mr John Major, the Chancellor, has made it clear Britain has no objection to an agreement under which all Fund members surrender part of their quotas to enable France to advance its position, but it is not prepared to make a further unilateral offer in favour of France.

National Power signs deal

NATIONAL Power chief executive Mr John Baker, right, with Mr Alan Brooks, British Gypsum chairman, after signing a £40 million deal to sell gypsum from gases produced at Drax power station, Yorkshire, to the group

No BDA payout after £1.5m loss

By Matthew Bond

BDA Holdings, the London housebuilder and developer, is not paying a final dividend after reporting a £1.55 million pre-tax loss.

The company has been in difficulties for some months and did not pay an interim dividend. In 1988, it made £889,000 pre-tax profits and paid a 3.5p total dividend.

Last year, BDA built more than 160 homes but still has almost 100 unsold. Its exposure to London makes its problems particularly acute. Turnover in the year to January fell 29 per cent to £6.08 million, while margins disappeared. The company turned in a £1.27 million operating loss, after writing down the value of its land bank and part of the interest paid on the unsold houses. Mr Brian Duker, the chairman, said write-offs totalled £228,000.

Interest charges rose 58 per cent to £290,000. However, gearing has been reduced from 135 per cent to 75 per cent.

A tax credit and a £912,000 profit on the sale of an investment property reduced the attributable loss to £96,000. Net assets per share fell 17 per cent to 67.2p a share.

W German airline files for bankruptcy

By Our City Staff

WEST German regional airline German Wings GmbH has filed for bankruptcy, partowners Christian and Peter Kimmel announced.

They initiated proceedings on Monday evening after the withdrawal of a party interested in a partnership contract - widely understood to be British Airways.

The British airline said this week that it was studying a partnership proposal from German Wings "with some caution."

German Wings suspended flights as of midnight on Monday.

The airline said it had held intensive talks with a large European airline last week, but on 30 the investor decided not to go through with the deal. Time constraints had limited negotiations with other interested parties, the carrier added.

The *Frankfurter Allgemeine* newspaper reported on Saturday that British Airways had agreed in principle with German Wings to take a 49 per cent stake in the German carrier.

German Wings, also partly owned by Franz and Frider Burda, announced an operational loss of DM40 million in the first nine months of 1989.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Taking a Pru Baching

THE "substantial downsizing" at Pru Bache Securities in London yesterday, with the loss of 20 jobs, was expected to be followed last night by further job losses within its US operation. The cutback in Britain leaves just 10 people still employed in its UK equity division, with the task of running down its in-house securities book. Among the best-known analysts to find themselves out of a job, are the European motors analyst Colin Whitbread, pharmaceuticals expert Percy Lomax and stores analyst "Jolly" Jenny Nibbs. "This is expected to be just the start," said one insider. "The latest word is that there are going to be more sackings at Pru Bache in the US."

Naming his price

IT WAS not all plain sailing for Ferranti's new chairman and chief executive, Eugene Anderson, at the company's EGM yesterday. For he was called upon to approve his salary package. Even though it was eventually approved, shareholders took umbrage at the number of options being granted to Anderson, which equal 1.5 per cent of the company at a trigger price of 36.8p a share – worth £3.4 million. This is in addition to his chauffeur-driven car and guaranteed salary of £325,000, which can rise to as much as £400,000 in line with performance. One well-spoken owner of 50,000 shares, Michael Kernot, offered to do the job himself for half the package being paid to Anderson. But Kernot, a landowner who admitted that he had "never worked a day in his life," had his offer declined by Sir John Hoskyns, the deputy chairman. Hoskyns blithely pointed out that it was not often that a manager of Anderson's proven ability came along and this deserved to be reflected in his remuneration.

Clown call

DO NOT be misled if you see people trying to juggle tennis balls in various London hotels. It is not a class for circus acts, but a management training session. The technique is being used on courses run by Management Centre Europe, part of the American Management Association International, which claims that most participants are scared of dropping the balls. This exercise is, therefore, designed to demonstrate that they must be willing to fail in order to succeed, that practice makes perfect, and that the relaxed attitude needed for juggling is also vital in management. And if they fail, they could always try a job on the stage.

"Just keep on taking the pills and give up the CBI industrial trends survey."

Caravan takes off

TWO former Samuel Montagu men, Nigel Tipple, aged 33, and Mark Pearman, aged 28, who left last year to buy B K Bluebird, the largest British mobile home maker, have via backing from Dillon Read and Charterhouse Bank, bought Autohomes UK, which has 34 per cent of the British market. "We have a £20 million turnover and are thinking of the USM next year," says Tipple.

● *AN AUSTRALIAN executive, based in Sydney, and a fanatical yachting enthusiast, has named his new boat* Business. *This is apparently so that his secretary can, in all honesty, make the excuse, "Sorry, he's out on business."*

Pinch of fluff

THE unbundling of British Rail Pension Fund's art treasures continues apace. Its collection of gold snuff boxes is coming under the Sotheby's hammer in the plush surroundings of the hotel Beau Rivage in Geneva on May 15 and is expected to fetch more than £2 million. It comprises 60 or so boxes, some depicting inlet hunting scenes and views of Poland in Meissen porcelain. The most expensive – valuation, £150,000 plus – is likely to be an enamel and gold specimen which must have caused quite a stir when it was made in 1765. For it carries a picture on its lid of a beautiful woman emerging from her bath.

Rave for the Sky

FORMER Blue Arrow executives John Mitchell, Chris Long and legendary England World Cup captain Bobby Moore have always relished a challenge, including putting together their aborted America's Cup challenge in 1988 with Peter de Savary. And after Tony Berry's downfall as Blue Arrow's chief executive, the three of them decided to go it alone, calling their company, appropriately enough, Challenge Group. One of its biggest challenges to date kicked off yesterday at the Oxford House Youth Club in Bethnal Green, East London, with the launch of Satellite Jukebox, a project designed to raise at least £500,000 for Youth Clubs-UK. It will culminate in a 12-hour disco dance marathon on November 3, beamed to 1.5 million youngsters in clubs across Britain and Europe by Sky Television, in conjunction with MTV. Each of the 4,000 youth clubs taking part will receive a Sky satellite dish, a television and special audio equipment, supplied at cost by Thorn EMI's Radio Rentals, which will link them together. "We already have a number of big name sponsors and are close to agreeing terms with a top City institution to provide finance," says Mitchell. "The big name celebrities are also queuing up to do their bit. This is a great opportunity for Youth Clubs-UK and may run for years."

Carol Leonard

"ANOTHER RECORD YEAR"

"The first half of 1989 was marked by continuation of the buoyant conditions of the previous year and was assisted by very mild weather in Europe. A sharp reduction in demand in the United Kingdom during the second half year resulted from the Government's interest rate policy, but in other areas of the Group's operations a favourable trading environment contributed to another record year – the wide geographical spread of our activities gives us confidence for the future."

From the statement by the Chairman, Mr John Cumlen.

The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Inn on the Park, Hamilton Place, Park Lane, London W1, on 25th May, 1990 at 11.30a.m.

If you would like a copy of the 1989 Annual Report please write to: The Secretary, RMC Group p.l.c., RMC House, Coldharbour Lane, Thorpe, Egham, Surrey, TW20 8TD

SUMMARY OF GROUP RESULTS

	1989	1988
TURNOVER	£2570.7m	£2065.0m
PRE-TAX PROFIT	£248.0m	£205.9m
EARNINGS PER SHARE	68.5p	58.4p
DIVIDENDS PER SHARE	18.0p	14.5p

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WALL STREET

Dow loses early gains

New York
WALL Street stocks were higher but pulling back from early gains. The retreat began on news that the purchasing agents' index rose to 50.2 per cent in April, the highest since early 1989.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 10.36 points at 2,667.12 after 2,672.30. Advancing shares led declining shares by seven-to-three.
● **Tokyo** – The Nikkei was up 105.03 points at 29,689.83
● **Hong Kong** – The Hang Seng index ended 4.91 points down at 2,945.18. *(Reuter)*

	May 1 midday	Apr 30 close		May 1 midday	Apr 30 close		May 1 midday	Apr 30 close
Abbott Lab	66¾	66⅜	Enron	51⅜	51⅜	Oryx Enrgy	44⅜	44⅜
Aetna Life	47	46⅞	Entergy	19⅛	19	Pac Enl	41	[illegible]
Ahmanson	16½	16⅝	Ethyl	25¼	[illegible]	Pac Gas Elec	21⅝	21⅞
Air Prods	51½	51⅝	Exxon	45	45⅛	Pac Telesis	43⅜	43
Albertsons	57⅞	57¼	Fed NMA	34⅜	34½	Paccar	39	39⅛
Alcan Al	19⅜	20	Fedrl Exprs	55	54⅝	Pacificorp	[illegible]	20⅝
Alco Stand	31	31⅞	Fst Norstar	19⅛	19⅝	Pall	[illegible]	31⅛
Allied Signal	35⅜	35⅜	Fluor	41⅝	41	Paramount	47⅜	47⅝
Alumin CA	61⅞	62	Ford Motor	44⅝	44	Parker-Hanfn	28⅜	28⅜
Am Brands	63⅜	64⅝	FPL	30	29⅝	Penney	63⅜	63⅝
Am Cyanmd	49⅜	49⅜	Fst Chicago	29⅛	29	Pennzoil	74⅛	74⅝
Am EPC	29⅜	29⅜	[illegible]	36	35⅝	Pepsico	66⅝	66⅝
Am General	38⅝	38½	Fst Union	17⅜	17½	Pfizer	58⅝	56⅝
Am Home	96⅜	[illegible]	Gannett	36⅝	36⅜	Phlps Pet	25⅛	24⅛
Am Intl	89⅞	88⅝	Gen Cinema	21⅜	[illegible]	Philips Elec	15⅝	15⅜
Am Medical	4¾	4¾	Gen Elec	64⅛	64	Philip Morris	[illegible]	42
Am Stores	62⅞	63⅜	Gen Mills	73⅜	72⅝	Phelps Dodge	58⅜	57⅝
Amax	24	24⅛	Gen Motors	[illegible]	44⅜	Pitney Bow	[illegible]	47
Amer Hess	45½	45	Gen RE	78	[illegible]	Plcr Dome	15⅛	15
Ameritech	59⅞	59½	Gen Signal	53⅛	53⅝	PNC Fncl	35⅜	34⅜
Amex	26⅜	27⅛	Genentech	25⅛	25⅜	[illegible]	25⅛	26⅜
Amoco	50⅝	50⅝	Genuine Pts	40	39½	Polaroid	42⅝	42⅜
AMP	49⅝	50⅜	Georgia-Pac	41⅜	41	PPG Inds	44⅝	44⅜
AMR	63⅜	62⅝	Gillette	[illegible]	52	Proct Gmble	71	70⅝
Anheuser-B	37⅝	37	Goodrich	42	42⅝	[illegible]	33⅜	[illegible]
Apple Comp	39⅜	38⅜	Goodyear	35⅛	35⅜	Primerica	28⅝	28⅜
Archer-Dan	23⅜	[illegible]	Grace	26⅝	26⅛	Pub Service	24⅜	24⅝
[illegible]	21⅛	21⅛	Greyhound	30⅝	30⅝	Quaker Oats	49⅜	49
Armstrong	33½	33	Gt Atlantic	52⅜	52½	Ralston Pur	83⅜	83⅜
Asarco	24⅜	24⅜	Gt Nor Nek	65¼	65⅜	Raychem	28⅜	28⅝
Ashland Oil	34⅛	34	Gt Western	16⅜	16⅜	Raytheon	62⅝	62½
AT&T	40⅜	40½	GTE	60⅜	60½	Reebok	17½	17⅝
Atlan Richfld	111⅛	111⅛	Halliburtn	42⅝	42⅜	Roadway	36⅜	37
Auto DP	50⅝	50⅝	Heinz	31⅛	[illegible]	Rockwell	24⅜	24⅝
Avery Intl	25⅜	25⅝	Hercules	34⅝	34⅝	Rohm Haas	31⅝	[illegible]
Avon Prod	36½	[illegible]	Hershey Fd	31⅝	32⅜	Royal Dutch	72⅜	72⅜
Baltimore	28⅝	28⅝	Hewlett Pkd	43⅝	43⅝	Rubbermaid	[illegible]	34⅝
Banc One	27⅛	27½	Hilton Htl	45⅝	46⅝	Rynlds Mtl	51⅝	52⅜
Bankamerica	27⅜	27⅜	Home Depot	47⅜	46⅜	Safeco	33⅜	33⅜
Bard	16½	16½	Homestake	16⅜	15⅝	Salomon	20⅝	20⅝
Barnett Bk	31⅜	[illegible]	Honeywell	88½	88	Sant Fe Pac	20	20
Bausch Lmb	57	57⅜	Houston Ind	32⅜	32⅜	Sara Lee	26⅜	27
Baxter Intl	20⅜	20⅜	Hsehld Intl	43⅛	42⅜	Schecorp	[illegible]	35½
Bec Dickin	60	59½	Humana	[illegible]	39	Schlumbgr	50⅜	50⅝
Bell Atlan	94	[illegible]	IBM	109	109	Schrg-Plgh	81⅜	81⅜
Bellsouth	[illegible]	53⅜	[illegible]	58⅜	58½	Scott Papr	41⅜	41⅜
Bkr Hughes	25⅝	25⅜	Illinois TW	50⅜	50⅝	Seagram	[illegible]	75⅝
Black Decker	13⅜	14⅜	Inco	24⅜	24⅝	Sears Rbk	35½	35½
Block	34⅜	34⅝	Ingsol-Rand	52⅜	52⅝	Secrty Pac	36	[illegible]
Bnkrs Tst NY	36⅝	36⅜	Inland Steel	30⅜	30½	Shrwn-Wlms	35⅝	35
Boeing	71½	69⅝	Intel	39⅜	[illegible]	Snap-on Tls	33⅜	32⅜
Boise Casc	34½	34⅝	Intl Paper	49⅜	49⅝	Southern	24	24⅜
Borden	31⅝	32	ITT	51⅝	52⅜	Sovran	29⅝	30½
Brist-Myer	55⅝	56½	James River	22⅜	22⅜	St Paul	56⅝	56⅜
Browng-Fer	35⅛	35⅛	Johnsn Jhsn	57⅛	[illegible]	[illegible]	32⅜	32⅝
Burl Nth	35	34⅜	K Mart	32⅝	32⅛	Stone Cntr	18	18⅝
CAI	14	14	Kellogg	62	61⅛	Sun Co	36	36
Campbell Sp	50⅝	50⅜	Kerr-McGee	48⅜	[illegible]	Suntst Bk	20⅜	20⅜
Cap Cities	555	555⅜	Kimbly-Clrk	64⅜	64⅝	Super Valu	24⅜	24
Capital HC	42⅝	42	Knight-Riddr	47⅝	47⅝	SW Bell	54⅝	54⅝
Carolina	43⅜	43⅜	Lilly	68¼	[illegible]	Syntex	49⅜	49⅜
Caterpillar	61⅝	61⅛	Limited	40⅜	39½	Sysco	30⅜	30⅝
CBS	180⅝	181⅝	Lin Brdcstg	62⅜	63½	Tandem	25⅝	[illegible]
Central SW	38⅛	38⅜	Lincln Nat	52⅝	[illegible]	Tandy	[illegible]	31⅝
Champion	26⅝	26⅝	Litton Ind	71	70⅝	Tele-comm	[illegible]	12⅝
Chase Man	25	25¼	Lockheed	32⅜	33	Teledyne	26⅜	27½
Chem Bnkg	23⅝	23⅜	Louis-Pac	40⅜	40⅝	Temple-In	[illegible]	33⅜
Chevron	66⅝	65⅝	Manu Hano	[illegible]	[illegible]	Tenneco	65⅝	[illegible]
Chrysler	15⅜	14⅞	Marriott	22⅝	22⅝	Texaco	58⅜	57⅝
Chubb	67⅞	67⅞	Marsh Mclen	67⅝	67¾	Texas Inst	33⅜	34
Cigna	45⅞	46	Martin Mar	40⅝	40⅜	Texas Utl	35	35⅜
Cincorp	22	22	Masco	24⅝	24⅝	Textron	24⅜	24
Clbrne Liz	25¼	25⅛	May Dept	[illegible]	48⅝	Time Wrnr	[illegible]	[illegible]
Clorox	37⅜	38⅛	Maytag	16⅝	[illegible]	Times Mirr	29⅜	29⅝
Cmwth Edis	31⅛	31⅛	MCA	55⅝	55	Timken	30⅜	30⅜
CNA Fincl	89⅝	88	McDnl Doug	[illegible]	46⅝	Torchmark	43⅜	[illegible]
Coastal	30⅜	30⅜	McDonalds	[illegible]	30⅛	Toys R Us	40⅜	40⅜
Coca-Cola	76⅝	76¼	McGraw-Hill	52⅝	52⅜	Transam	34⅜	34⅜
Colgate-Pal	56⅝	56⅝	MCI Com	35⅝	35	Travelers	29⅝	30
Columb Gas	45⅝	45⅞	Mead	30⅝	30⅝	Tribune	39⅝	39⅝
Compaq	99⅝	98⅝	Medtronic	63⅝	63¼	TRW	47	46⅜
Conagra	28⅜	27⅝	Melville	46⅝	46½	Tyco Lab	45⅜	45⅜
Cons Edis	23⅜	23⅜	Merck	73	73⅜	UAL	[illegible]	151½
Cons NG	41⅜	41⅛	Merll Lynch	20⅝	20⅜	Un Camp	[illegible]	36⅜
Cons Rail	42⅝	42⅝	MMM	79⅝	79⅝	Un Carbide	19⅝	19⅝
Cooper Ind	40⅜	40¼	Mobil	60⅝	[illegible]	Un Pacific	67⅝	[illegible]
Corning	48⅛	48⅝	Monsanto	100⅝	101⅝	Unilever	73⅝	[illegible]
CPC Intl	[illegible]	66⅝	Moore	27⅝	27⅝	Unisys	14⅜	14⅜
Crown Cork	[illegible]	59⅝	Morgan	33⅝	33⅜	Unocal	28⅜	[illegible]
CSX	[illegible]	32⅛	Motorola	68	67⅜	Upjohn	38⅜	38⅜
Dana	32	[illegible]	Nat Medical	[illegible]	32⅜	US West	70⅝	71
Dayton-Hud	67⅛	67⅝	Nat Service	25⅜	25⅜	Usair Gp	27⅜	27⅝
Deere	74⅜	75	Navistar	3⅝	3⅝	USF&G	[illegible]	27⅝
Delta Air	73	73⅛	NCNB	38⅝	38	UST	27⅝	27⅝
Deluxe	[illegible]	29⅜	NCR	65⅜	64⅜	USX	32⅜	32⅜
Detroit Edi	24⅛	24⅜	NBD Bncp	29⅜	[illegible]	Utd Tech	56⅜	56
Digital Eq	82⅜	82⅛	Newmont Min	42⅜	42	Utd Telcm	[illegible]	38⅝
Dillard	72⅝	72⅜	Niagr Mhwk	12⅜	12⅝	VF	30⅜	30⅜
Disney	110⅜	110½	Nike	68⅜	68	Wal-Mart	50⅜	[illegible]
Dominion	42⅜	41⅜	NL Indstrs	16⅝	17	Walgreen	41⅝	42
Donnelley	42⅜	42½	Nordstorm	27⅝	28⅜	Waste Mgmt	36⅜	36⅜
Dover	37⅝	37⅝	Norflk Sthn	37⅝	[illegible]	Wells Fargo	67⅝	[illegible]
Dow Chem	61⅜	61⅛	Norton	68⅝	[illegible]	Westg Elec	72⅝	71⅝
Dow Jones	[illegible]	25⅛	Norwest	18⅜	18	Weyerhsr	24⅜	24⅝
Dresser Ind	48⅛	47⅝	Nthn St Pwr	32⅝	[illegible]	Whirlpool	28	28⅜
Du Pont	37⅜	37⅜	Nthn Telcm	23⅝	23⅝	Whitman	28	28
Duke Pwr	52⅝	52½	NY Times	21⅝	21⅝	Wnn-Dixie	60⅜	60⅜
Dun Bradst	45	45⅛	[illegible]	60⅜	60½	Woolworth	60	[illegible]
East Kodak	37⅜	38⅛	Occid Petrl	26⅜	26⅜	Wrigley	52⅝	[illegible]
Eaton	54⅝	55½	Ohio Ed	18⅝	18⅛	Wrnr-Lamb	104⅜	105⅜
Emerson El	38⅜	38½	Oracle Sys	16	[illegible]	Xerox	[illegible]	49⅜

STOCK MARKET

GrandMet falls 6p as fund managers switch to rivals

CITY fund managers are becoming increasingly disenchanted with the attempts of Grand Metropolitan, the food and drinks group, to reduce gearing with a series of disposals.

They were busy switching out of GrandMet, down 6p at 546p, and into rivals **Scottish & Newcastle Breweries**, 2p better at 297½p, and **Bass** 4p higher at 939p. The GrandMet share price has fallen 23p since its £2.8 billion public houses/breweries swap deal with Elders IXL, the Australian drinks group, was referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission last Friday.

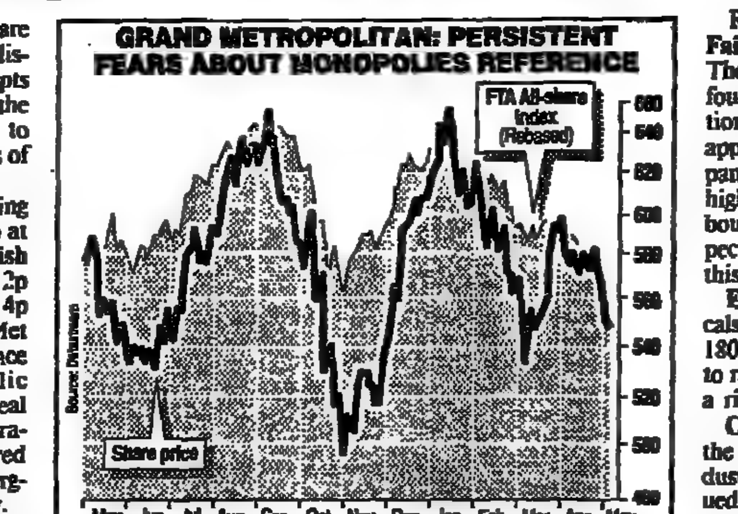
Dealers say it is too early to say whether the deal will be allowed to proceed, but point out that it is certain to delay GrandMet's attempts at reducing its high gearing levels, which have been causing a lot of concern in the City.

The GrandMet share price was also upset by talk that Nomura, the securities house, had reduced its profits forecast for the current year. But Nomura says it is sticking with its original estimate and that it remains a buyer of the shares.

Elsewhere, the rest of the equity market continued to regain some of the falls that saw the FT-SE 100 index dip through the 2,100 level at the start of the new account on Monday.

The appearance of a few bargain hunters in thin conditions prompted a sharp mark-up, although best levels were not held with Wall Street making a hesitant start.

The index saw an early rise of almost 23 points whittled away to end 14.5 up at 2,117.9. But brokers remain cautious about short-term prospects and say there is little prospect of investors chasing prices sharply higher. The narrower FT Index of 30 shares gained 9.9 points, at 1,663.5, with 370.8 million shares traded.



The profits warning from Daf, the Dutch truck maker, saw British Aerospace fall as low as 505p. BAe has a 16 per cent stake in Daf after the merger of their truck divisions. Dealers say a cut in the dividend would have a minimal effect. The BAe price rebounded to finish 6p, down at 518p.

Government securities reflected a firmer pound closing with gains ranging to £½ at the longer end. But the move towards higher interest rates, highlighted by the Co-op Bank's decision to raise its mortgage rate to 16 per cent, bodes badly for the bond market.

Among leaders, ICI continued to reflect Monday's better-than-expected first quarter figures, and overnight buying in New York, holding at £10.81p.

SmithKline Beecham firmed 5p to 467p, after 470p, after the news that FMR Corporation, the US fund manager, had built-up a stake of 47.9 million B shares, or 3.6 per cent of the company's voting share capital. Glaxo continued to reflect recent advances with its own anti-Aids drug, climbing 16p to 762p, helped by overnight buying in the US.

The annual meeting for shareholders at STC passed without the much talked about profits warning. Mr Arthur Walsh, chairman, was in confident mood telling shareholders that the company had met its profit targets for the first quarter. "I believe that profits for the whole year will be satisfactory", he added.

The share price managed to recoup most of Monday's sharp fall with a rise of 9p to 243p.

Revived hopes of a bid saw **Fairline Boats** touch 800p. The company says there is no foundation to press speculation that it has received an approach from another company. The shares finished 50p higher at 790p and a further bout of profit-taking is expected when dealings resume this morning.

Ellis & Everard, the chemicals distributor, fell 16p to 180p after announcing plans to raise £29 million by way of a rights issue.

Carlton Communications, the film and television industry services group, continued its recovery with a rise of 10p to 486½p. The shares have fallen from about the 850p level since the start of the year with dealers worried about a slowdown in earnings growth.

BTR shed 4p at 392p after a downgrading of profits for 1990 by James Capel, the broker. It has reduced its estimate by £40 million to £1.2 billion, which compares with £1 billion last time. The downgrading is said to follow a bearish review of BTR's associate, Nylex, by Capel's Australian arm.

The build-up in shares of **Rolls-Royce** by a foreign investor appears to have resumed. The price touched 202p before closing 2p up on the day at 200p – for a two day rise of 7p – as more than 10 million shares were traded.

Hazlewood Foods shrugged aside recent weakness to close 16p higher at 154p. A large seller of 3.2 million shares who had been overshadowing the price, seems to have completed his business.

Tate & Lyle firmed ½p to 271½p ahead of interim figures today. Analysts are looking for pre-tax profits of about £80 million, compared with £70 million for the corresponding period.

Kwik Save Discount advanced 2p to 516p ahead of interim figures also expected to show a healthy rise in profits from £35.3 million to £41 million. But **Ferranti International** shed 1½p at 42½p after the group's comments about trading prospects.

Michael Clark

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
ADT	516	CU	238	Lloyds	1,675	Sears	894
Abbey Nat	3,230	Cookson	1,134	Lloyds Abb	404	Sedgwick	117
Allo-Lyons	1,339	Courtaulds	501	Lonrho	[illegible]	Shell	1,119
Amstrad	1,060	Dalgety	[illegible]	Lucas	95	Siebe	106
ASDA	1,304	Dixons	1,305	Manpower	[illegible]	Slough	280
AB Foods	530	ECC	[illegible]	M&S	1,325	Smith & N	3,645
Argyll	2,846	Enterprise	521	Maxwell Cm	731	SK Beech	1,556
BAA	855	Ferranti	9,035	ME Group	336	Do Uts	103
BET	2,579	Fisons	1,060	Mecca	1,067	Smith WH	[illegible]
BTR	309	FKI	351	MEPC	131	Smiths Ind	[illegible]
BAT	957	Gen Acc	51	Midland	3,316	STC	4,033
Barclays	765	GEC	3,231	Nat West	[illegible]	Stan Chart	829
Bass	713	Glaxo	1,973	Next	1,061	Storehse	1,129
[illegible]	488	Globe Inv	125	Nth Food	700	Sun Alliance	796
[illegible]	253	Glynwed	81	P&O	778	Sun Life	2
BICC	457	Granada	3,254	Pearson	70	T&N	757
Blue Circle	636	Grand Met	2,501	Pilkington	491	TI Group	397
BOC	364	GUS 'A'	713	Polly Peck	785	Tarmac	1,874
Boots	459	GRE	1,620	Prudential	2,290	Tate & Lyle	705
BPB	882	GKN	372	Racal	4,055	Taylor Wood	256
Br Aero	3,256	Guinness	1,203	Racal Tele	288	TSB	893
Br Airways	1,973	Hamm 'A'	322	Rk Hovis	1,414	Tesco	1,298
Br Comm	n/a	Hanson	3,565	Rank	565	Thames Wtr	846
Br Gas	7,045	Do Wts	1,675	R&C	144	Thorn EMI	95
Br Land	255	H & C	94	Redland	367	Trafalgar	1,310
Br Petrol	1,505	Hawker	424	Reed	744	THF	3,127
Br Steel	5,472	Hillsdown	1,308	Reuters	782	Ultramar	2,090
Br Telecom	2,903	IMI	512	RMC Gp	704	Unigate	337
Bunzl	478	ICI	720	RTZ	1,005	Unilever	1,111
Burmah	97	Inchcape	200	R-Royce	10,502	United Bis	824
Burton	1,141	Kingfisher	324	Rothmn 'B'	315	Utd News	339
C&W	1,547	Lasmo	869	Royal Bank	648	Wellcome	55
Cadbury	2,361	Ladbroke	875	Royal Ins	472	Whitbrd	455
Calor	27	Land Sec	111	Saatchi	1,484	Williams	2,157
Carlton	75	Laporte	334	Sainsbury	2,234	Wills Fab	887
Coats	2,986	L&G	849	Scot & N	1,205	Wimpey G	800

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Alld Lyons (*422)	420	20	36	44	20	24	26
	460	8	19	27	55	53	55
	500	3	9½	–	92	92	–
ASDA (*92)	100	4	7½	12	11	13	15
	110	2½	4½	–	19	20	–
	120	1½	3	–	29	29	–
Bass (*940)	900	65	105	120	16	22	28
	950	38	72	87	37	42	50
	1000	20	48	–	70	70	–
Boots (*257)	240	25	32	36	6	8	11
	260	12	19	26	15	18	20
	280	3½	11	–	29	30	–
Brit Air (*195)	180	19	26	29	4	6	8
	200	6½	14	18	12	15	17
	220	2½	6½	10	27	28	29
Brit Gas (*n/a)	50	50	50	–	50	45	–
	60	60	60	–	55	55	–
	70	1	71	–	65	65	–
BP (*305)	300	16	24	33	8	10	12
	330	5½	11	18	27	28	29
	360	2	5	–	57	57	–
Brit Steel (*138)	120	21	22	–	1½	2	–
	130	12	13½	16	3½	4	6
	140	5	7½	10	9	9½	11½
C & W (*470)	460	35	55	70	18	23	28
	500	16	33	48	40	47	50
	550	6	17	28	84	85	87
Com Union (*444)	420	44	55	72	8	13	16
	460	20	32	47	25	31	32
	500	8	15	29	56	57	57
Courtauld (*293)	297	13	23	–	17	22	–
	327	3½	13	–	42	44	–
	357	1	–	–	70	–	–
GKN (*385)	360	41	48	60	6	14	16
	390	20	30	45	16	24	30
	420	10	16	30	40	45	47
Grand Met (*546)	500	88	81	–	5	11	–
	550	33	48	71	19	26	32
	600	11	25	45	56	57	60
ICI (*1086)	1050	80	102	140	17	28	35
	1100	52	72	110	37	50	60
	1150	30	52	–	72	77	–
Kingfisher (*273)	260	20	27	36	9	12	15
	280	10	17	26	20	24	26
	300	3½	10	17	37	39	40
Ladbroke (*264)	260	16	28	34	11	13	18
	280	7½	17	24	24	25	28
	300	3½	12	–	42	43	–
Land Sec (*483)	460	25	40	53	19	24	26
	500	8	21	33	48	50	52
	550	3	9	18	97	98	100
M & S (*186)	180	12	21	24	6	7	9
	200	3½	9½	15	17½	18½	20
	220	1	4	–	37	37	–
STC (*243)	240	23	31	41	11	17	20
	260	14	22	32	23	27	30
	280	7	14	23	36	38	40
Sainsbury (*254)	240	19	30	38	4½	6	8
	260	8	16	24	14	17	18
	280	3½	8	15	30	30	31
Shell (*431)	420	35	47	58	11	15	16
	460	12	25	37	30	33	35
	500	4	11	–	70	70	–
Smith Beech (*467)	460	32	48	61	15	20	23
	500	15	29	41	37	40	42
	550	4	13	–	82	82	–
Storehse (*100)	100	9	12	14	7	8½	9
	110	4½	7	9	13	14	15
	120	2	4	5½	20	21	22
Trafalgar (*288)	300	10	22	25	24	27	30
	330	5	11	14	53	53	53
	360	2½	5	–	83	83	–
Ultramar (*324)	300	37	47	60	6	10	11
	330	20	28	42	17	23	25
	360	8	18	27	40	42	42
Unilever ([illegible])	600	48½	69½	86	13	17½	19½
	650	19½	40½	56½	38½	41½	43½
	700	6½	21	–	86½	86½	–
	750	2½	–	–	136½	–	–
Utd Bisc ([illegible])	300	24	34	44	7	12	13
	330	8	17	26	26	27	29
	360	3	9	–	54	54	–

	Series	Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
BAA (*380)	360	24	34	46	4	12	14
	390	6	18	30	17	27	30
	420	2	8	18	46	50	50
BAT Ind (*701)	650	55	77	–	2½	10	–
	700	14	45	65	16	25	33
	750	2	22	37	56	58	64
	800	1	10	21	106	106	106
BTR (*392)	390	15	31	40	8	14	19
	420	3½	17	25	29	30	34
	460	1	6	12	68	68	68
Brit Aero (*518)	460	60	80	89	1½	9	15
	500	25	50	58	9	20	28
	550	5	25	37	40	47	52
Brit Tele (*250)	240	14	21	27	2½	7½	9½
	260	3	10	16	12	19	20
	280	1	4½	8½	31	33	34
Cadbury (*308)	300	14	29	36	6	12	14
	330	3	14	22	25	29	31
	360	1	7	13	56	56	57
Guinness ([illegible])	600	73	96	113	2½	6½	10
	650	30	58	78	10	19	26
	700	6	30	48	37	42	50
GEC (*198)	180	22	28	30	1½	4	8
	200	6½	13	17	8	12	18
	220	1½	6	9	22	27	28
Hanson (*214)	200	16½	22	26	1¼	4	5½
	220	3½	9½	17	7½	13	14½
	240	½	3½	9	28	28	29
LASMO (*361)	333	35	52	–	3	7	–
	367	12	28	40	12	18	20
	400	4	13	25	38	38	38

	Series	Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
P & O (*565)	550	27	51½	63½	9½	16½	23
	600	4½	23½	38½	37	41½	48½
	650	2	9½	18	89½	87½	87½
Pilkington (*199)	200	7	11	18	8	11	15
	220	2	5	9½	23	28	29
	240	1	2½	–	43	46	–
Polly Peck (*400)	360	44½	52½	67	2	7½	10½
	390	16	32½	47½	12	18	21½
	420	3½	18	32½	31½	36½	39
Prudential (*188)	180	13	21	25	3	8	8
	200	3	10	15	14	15	16
	220	1	5	8	33	33	33
Racal (*185)	180	11	17	25	6	10	14
	200	3	9	15	20	22	24
	210	1	–	–	27	–	–
RTZ (*532)	500	30	52	67	5	14	17
	550	6	22	37	37	38	42
	600	1½	10	20	83	84	85
Scot & New (*297)	280	22	32	38	2	8	13
	300	9	20	30	12	16	22
	330	1½	8	17	35	37	43
Tesco (*195)	180	18½	25½	30½	1½	3½	4
	200	4	12	17½	7	10	12
	220	1	4½	8½	26½	26½	26½
Thames Wtr (*130)	120	13	17	18	2½	7½	8
	130	6	9	11	5	12	14
	140	2	5	7	12	20	20
	160	1½	2	3½	31	33	38
Wir Package (*1365)	1350	60	95	105	50	120	130
	1400	30	70	90	80	160	170
	1450	20	45	65	100	200	210
	1500	15	35	55	150	240	240

	Series	Calls May	Calls Jul		Puts May	Puts Jul	
Ferranti (*43)	40	3½	6	–	1½	3	–
	45	1½	3½	–	5	6	–
	50	½	–	–	9½	–	–

	Series	Calls Jun	Calls Aug	Calls Oct	Puts Jun	Puts Aug	Puts Oct
Reuters (*1052)	1000	82½	106½	–	18½	25	–
	1050	48½	75½	101½	33½	44½	48½
	1100	26½	50½	76	63½	72½	77½

	Series	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Abbey Nat (*184)	160	27	33	37	1½	3	5
	180	12	18	22	5	8	9
	200	3	8	12	18	18	19
Amstrad ([illegible])	60	10½	14½	16½	1½	3½	5
	70	4½	9	11	5½	8	9
	80	2	5	7½	14	14	14½
Barclays (*510)	460	58	–	–	4	–	–
	500	28	40	56	11	20	29
	550	5	18	32	43	45	45
	600	1	8	14	93	93	93
Blue Circ (*201)	200	12	23	26	7	10	12
	220	4	10	16	22	24	25
	240	1½	4	9	42	42	42
	260	1	2	–	62	62	–
Brit Gas (*191)	180	16	18½	23	3	5½	6½
	200	4½	7½	13	11	17	18
	220	1½	3	6½	30	33	34
	240	1	2	–	50	53	–
Dixons (*122)	110	18	22	25	4	7	8
	120	12	16	19	11	13	15
	130	8	12	13	15	19	22
Glaxo (*762)	750	42	72	87	17	27	34
	775	28	–	–	30	–	–
	800	17	45	59	47	52	60
	850	5	25	39	92	92	94
[illegible] (*613)	600	30	57	65	27	40	50
	650	9	33	40	70	85	90
	700	5	17	–	120	120	–
Hillsdown (*235)	220	18	28	34	5	8	10
	240	8	17	22	15	18	20
	260	3	10	15	30	32	32
Lonrho (*228)	218	18	26	32	6	10	12
	238	7	16	23	17	21	21
	255	3	8	15	33	33	36
Midland (*280)	280	22	28	37	12	18	22
	300	12	18	27	25	30	32
	330	3	8	17	49	52	58
R-Royce (*200)	160	44	50	53	1	2	2½
	180	25	33	37	2	4	6
	200	10½	18½	24	8½	10½	12
Sears (*89)	80	11	13	15	3	5	6
	90	4	7	9½	7½	9	10
	100	1	3½	6	16	17	17
THF (*245)	240	10	18	23	11	14	17
	260	3	10	13	28	29	31
	280	1½	5	8	47	48	50
Thorn EMI (*654)	600	72	77	98	4	15	20
	650	34	45	65	16	35	40
	700	11	24	40	48	70	69
TSB (*126)	120	12	15	18	3	6	7
	130	6	9	13	8	11	12
	140	2	5	9	17	18	18
Vaal Reefs ([illegible])	80	10	13	15	4	6½	8½
	90	5	8	10	8	12	14
Wellcome (*662)	650	45	77	100	22	33	42
	700	22	52	74	54	60	67
	750	9	34	55	82	97	100

FT-SE INDEX (*2118)

	2100	2150	2200	2250	2300	2350
Calls						
May	72	41	21	10	4	2½
Jun	97	67	45	27	17	10
Jul	110	82	60	42	30	18
Aug	129	105	77	56	–	–
Dec	195	–	135	–	95	–
Puts						
May	31	53	88	130	183	225
Jun	48	68	98	135	177	228
Jul	60	82	112	142	182	232
Aug	65	84	110	145	–	–
Dec	85	–	130	–	198	–

May 1, 1990 Total 44600 Calls 25264 Puts 19336 FT-SE: Calls 6708 Puts 6272
*Underlying security price.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
April 17	May 4	July 19	July 30

Call options were taken out on: 1/5/90 Aviva Petroleum, Control Securities, Dixons, Gaelic Resources, Mecca, Parkway, Tuskar Resources.
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Outstanding staying power.

Extracts from ICI Chairman Sir Denys Henderson's address to the Annual General Meeting of Imperial Chemical Industries PLC on May 1st 1990

The 1989 results were a record, and we exceeded £1.5bn pre-tax profits for the first time. Pharmaceuticals and Agrochemicals both had an excellent year and Colours and Fine Chemicals. Specialty Chemicals and Polyurethanes also did well. But it was a challenging year, with two distinct phases. During the first half demand was at record levels. In the second half growth rates slowed, particularly in the housing, construction and automobile markets in the UK and in North America. Businesses primarily involved in these sectors, that is, Paints, and Industrial Products including Explosives, ended up pretty well level pegging with 1988, but with good profits nonetheless.

There were some disappointments. Films had a difficult time. The Fertilizer business managed to contain its losses but was not able to get back into profit in spite of rationalisation in Europe and the actions we have taken in the UK and Canada.

Overall, the 1989 results demonstrate the value of a carefully focussed, robust portfolio and we are now seeing the benefit of the many changes we have made in recent years.

Sharpening our competitive edge

Change will continue. We are focussing single mindedly on activities where we are, and will continue to be, world competitive — technically, commercially and territorially. In 1989 we made nearly 50 acquisitions and divestments. Among those being completed this year I would highlight the acquisition of the Atlas Powder Co. This will give the ICI Explosives business a strong presence in the United States, thus completing our comprehensive coverage of the world's major markets. We also increased capital expenditure to more than £1bn and continued to invest in new businesses, such as Seeds, Advanced Materials, Imagedata and Biological Products.

At the same time, we have maintained very satisfactory financial ratios and increased research expenditure to almost £640m. Our return on net assets puts us amongst the world's most profitable chemical companies, but we are still able to devote sufficient resource to ensure our innovative capability for the future.

All of which are convincing reasons for recommending a final dividend, which at 10% above the previous year will be the seventh consecutive annual increase.

Opportunities worldwide

We are living through a period of historic change. Events in Eastern Europe have moved with incredible rapidity and, if adequate political solutions are found, there will eventually be a massive additional market for our products.

ICI has employees and offices in virtually all the East European countries, and we are well positioned to grow our business.

We must also take action in Asia Pacific markets, where around 40% of chemicals expansion in the next decade will occur. Since 1986 we have approved investment of more than £100m in Japan and last year we approved investment of £200m for plants in Thailand and Taiwan, where growth prospects are also good.

There are thus three major trading blocs for ICI products. North America, where we are now powerfully established. Europe, where we are thoroughly entrenched and ready to take advantage of EEC and Eastern European potential. And Asia Pacific, where we are investing strongly.

ICI and the environment

I have been much concerned in recent years that we should achieve steady improvement in our health and safety at work, and in our environmental performance.

As far as safety is concerned the Group's performance has improved significantly. Accidents in 1989 were 25% down on 1988. Nevertheless there were three fatalities. Each has led to a most demanding search for means to prevent re-occurrence.

We must also seek a significant improvement in our environmental performance where there is enormous change in public expectations. I believe there is a real imperative for ICI to be "World Class" in an environmental sense as well as in its business performance. This is how we are going about it.

First, we have placed improving our environmental performance high on the management agenda, with results being regularly monitored by the Board. ICI people and their families live in the community, often close to our plants, and we all share environmental concerns.

Second, we are intent on reducing emissions from our existing plants, for example with new waste recovery plants. The level of investment and the rate of improvement in these areas will increase. We are also working with our customers to help them solve their waste problems by, for example, re-cycling CFCs and plastics.

Over £1.5 billion profit in 1989

A strong, balanced business portfolio

Change will continue

5 Queen's Awards

Leading edge of science

Innovation in environmental technology

Seeking significant improvement in environmental performance

Third, we are paying the closest attention to the environmental aspects of new plant design. Our new ammonia process has won the Pollution Abatement Technology Award, and has been chosen to represent the UK in an EEC-wide Awards Scheme. Our FM21 cells, for producing chlorine and caustic soda without using mercury, have just won a Queen's Award. Quietly, we are building a competitive edge in environmentally friendly technology.

Fourth, we shall continue to invest in research to increase our understanding of environmental issues. New facilities are being added to the Environmental Sciences Unit at Jealott's Hill and a £3m extension to the Group Environmental Laboratory at Brixham will open this year.

Fifth, we are bringing forward products which will reduce environmental concerns. We are leading in the difficult task of finding a substitute for CFCs in refrigeration and air conditioning. ICI's first plant should be completed by the end of the year. ICI resins have won the 1989 Dutch environmental award for 'Environmentally friendly products' and we are hoping for a favourable reception to the launch of our biodegradable plastic 'Biopol'. Changed public attitudes present us with new business opportunities where we can marshal technological resources to produce products which can turn our wish for a better environment, into reality.

Investing in Britain's future

Let me turn now to research, where in 1989 we increased our expenditure to about £640m. Over the last five years our research manpower has increased by 35% and we now have about 14,000 scientists and technologists. Their efforts are the principal source of innovation and the mainspring for our future growth.

It is also a very special UK asset. Our research represents 7% of manufacturing industry's R&D and science based companies like ICI are rare in this country. Two thirds of the UK's total civil R&D is carried out by only twenty companies who, in turn, are major exporters. If the UK is to continue to play a significant part in world trade, these resources have to be nurtured and applied internationally.

ICI research covers biological science and polymers and materials science from which the major growth areas of the 90s will spring and it has an academic funding programme which supports more than 50 University projects. Today's new products — drugs such as 'Diprivan' and 'Zoladex', and agrochemicals products such as 'Kerate' and 'Force' — reflect investment made 5-10 years ago, when we began to increase the proportion of the Research budget which went into the biological sciences. We have stepped up our commitment to biotechnology — a powerful enabling technology for pharmaceuticals, plant breeding and agrochemicals.

This year's Queen's Awards are good evidence of ICI's inventiveness and our ability to convert it into valuable business. Besides the Award for the FM21 chlorine production cells, Awards for technological achievement have been made to ICI Colours and Fine Chemicals for a new class of polyester dyes; and to ICI Cellmark Diagnostics, jointly with the Lister Institute for Preventive Medicine, for discovery and development of genetic finger printing.

Awards for export achievement have been won by ICI Agrochemicals, which has doubled its exports in the last five years and to Cambridge Research Biochemicals, which was acquired by ICI in 1989.

Vision and change

ICI began life in 1926. Sixty three years on we are thriving, have grown into the UK's biggest manufacturing company and the super league of the world's chemical companies. This suggests outstanding staying power.

The first quarter results bear this out with profits before tax amounting to £414m — a considerable rebound from the depressed fourth quarter of 1989, but some £28m below the first quarter of 1989. Bearing in mind the more difficult economic conditions today by comparison with the early part of last year, this performance can be regarded as encouraging. Particularly noteworthy was the strong profit growth of the Bioscience businesses, Pharmaceuticals, Agrochemicals and Seeds, which achieved trading profits of £216m compared with £151m in the first quarter of 1989.

At this stage it is difficult to predict the outcome for the whole of 1990, but barring any further sharp economic downturn I believe that the strength of our business portfolio should ensure that we have a reasonably satisfactory year — and we shall continue to pay close attention to costs, as I urged in the autumn of last year.

The period ahead may be uncertain but I would emphasise that we are better prepared than at any time in our history both to seize opportunities and to embrace change. The strategic re-direction of the 80s has allowed us to enter the new decade in excellent shape, with much improved financial ratios, better productivity, stronger Research and Technology and a much more balanced, more international portfolio. We have the people too, men and women of all nationalities, who are the ultimate, enduring and vital competitive advantage of this Group.

I am convinced that the single factor which will ensure that ICI will continue to grow profitably worldwide, is the application with determination, consistency and farsightedness of those policies which are relevant to the times in which we live. It is our ability to anticipate change and adapt to it that has allowed ICI to flourish. We have exited the 80s with record profits and clear strategies which will carry us forward into the next century as one of Britain's very few genuinely international, science based, world competitive companies.

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL Tel: 0345 717373 (Linkline)				
Gilt/Fixed	100.2	106.2	+0.4	10.36
High Inc Equity	125.6	133.7●	+1.1	4.75
W'wide Bond	194.3	205.9●	-3.6	8.27
Amer Growth	179.4	191.9	-2.2	1.07
Asian Pacific	131.2	139.6	-0.4	0.00
Australia/Emms	142.0	151.9●	-1.0	3.19
Capital Rec	89.64	89.71	+0.45	0.69
Comm/Energy	97.33	104.1	+0.11	0.81
Euro Capit	98.22	105.1●	-0.89	0.90
General	159.4	170.5	+2.1	2.93
Japan	93.41	99.81	-0.73	0.00
UK Gth Inc	105.3	112.7●	+0.4	2.53
Do Acc	161.1	172.3●	+0.5	1.88
US Emerg Cos	53.55	57.28	-1.96	0.00
Income/Gth	273.5	292.8●	-10.1	3.50
Mastertst Acc	85.40	91.34	-1.41	1.54
Am Inc	49.69	53.15	-0.25	5.16
Ethical	44.09	47.18	+0.04	2.12
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
10, Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ Tel: 0224 633070 dealing (Freephone) 0800 833580				
20, Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ Tel: 01-374 8801				
Am Inc/Gth	31.82	33.97●	..	2.26
Euro	91.25	97.41	-0.22	0.00
Euro Inc	89.35	95.38	..	1.50
Exempt	687.9	710.3●	..	1.46
Extra Inc	39.00	41.63●	..	6.20
F/E Emerg Ec	62.45	66.89	..	0.01
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS				
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL Tel: 0793 514514 dealing 0793 610366				
High Inc	323.1	344.0	+2.0	5.39
Equity Inc	177.3	188.8	+1.4	5.41
High Yield	185.1	197.1●	+1.0	5.71
Balanced	453.8	482.2	+2.3	3.75
Am Inc	32.79	34.92	+0.02	4.58
World Ass Val	33.88	36.02	-0.02	1.14
Japan	141.7	150.0	+0.2	0.01
Sec of Am	251.2	267.2	+2.4	0.58
BARCLAYS UNICORN				
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 01-534 5544				
Capital	81.27	86.89	..	4.25
Euro Gth Inc	106.0	113.1	..	0.97
Extra Inc	90.76	96.81●	..	6.83
General	173.4	185.0●	..	4.40
Gt/Fxd Income	45.21	47.91	..	11.31
Inc Trust	407.1	434.2	..	5.89
BARING FUND MANAGERS				
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ Tel: 01-658 9002				
Amer Gth	54.96	58.31	-0.20	1.50
Am Sm Cos	57.51	61.01●	+0.08	1.10
Australia	59.07	63.40●	-0.42	1.70
Convertible	43.43	46.07●	+0.02	8.50
East	127.2	135.6	-1.9	1.20
Equity Inc	67.77	71.90●	+0.72	5.40
Euro Gth	199.2	212.6●	-2.8	1.20
Euro Smlr Cos	[illegible]	209.8	-0.5	0.20
Exempt	64.50	65.91	..	3.50
Global Gth	75.21	79.79	-0.04	0.10
Intl Bnd	160.7	171.5	+1.3	0.00
Jap Sunrise	154.7	165.0●	+0.5	0.00
Portfolio	86.43	89.56	+0.21	2.90
Do Acc	140.7	145.8	+0.3	2.90
UK Growth	55.59	59.40	+0.50	3.10
UK Smlr Cos	80.51	85.63●	-0.13	2.50
Select Man Ps	51.97	55.19●	-0.02	1.00
BROWN SHIPLEY				
9-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath Tel: 0444 458144				
Financial	124.0	132.1	+1.0	3.94
Smlr Cos Acc	236.8	252.3●	+1.3	0.90
Do Inc	144.4	154.5●	+0.7	1.28
High Inc	71.85	76.52●	+0.87	5.80
Income	95.64	102.1●	+4.19	5.34
Man Portf Inc	76.25	81.22	+0.63	2.84
Do Acc	134.2	142.9	+1.1	2.20
Nth Amer	61.80	65.82	-0.48	0.38
Orient	114.5	122.3c	+0.2	0.38
Europe	264.8	280.3●	-1.8	2.79
Recov	42.11	44.85	+0.28	3.80
German	41.13	44.10●	-0.35	0.80
Intl Recov	30.59	32.58●	-0.09	2.89
Europa	24.97	26.93●	-0.25	2.40
Conv Genrl	19.45	20.74●	-0.01	7.60
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT				
Beaufort Hse 15 St Botolph St London EC3A 7JJ Tel: 01-247 4542 Dealing 01-247 7474				
Emer Gth Inc	64.73	68.01	-0.01	3.48
Do Acc	64.67	68.07	-0.02	3.48
Fellowship Inc	60.28	64.13●	-0.03	3.25
Genrl Inc 4	264.1	280.0	..	4.37
Do Acc 4	452.7	479.9	..	4.37
Inc Fund 3	141.3	148.5●	..	4.50
Do Acc 3	285.8	304.3●	..	4.50
Intl Inc 2	108.0	114.5	..	1.00
Do Acc 2	145.3	153.3	..	1.00
Smlr Inc 5	93.84	99.28	-0.21	2.11
Do Acc	103.8	110.0	-0.3	2.11
BURNADE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
117 Fenchurch Street London EC3M 5AL Tel: 01-480 7219				
Bnt Gt Fxd Int	55.20	56.04	+0.03	2.85
CANNON FUND MANAGERS				
1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NB Tel: 01-902 8876				
Growth	34.38	36.77e	-0.08	3.26
Income	44.50	47.59e	-0.21	4.84
Far East	37.38	40.20e	+0.31	0.05
Nth Amer	39.01	42.11e	+0.27	1.71
Global	54.37	57.84●	+0.15	1.60
European	72.56	78.21●	-0.42	0.60
Japan	98.51	106.8	+0.90	0.01
Strategic Opp	43.18	46.18e	-1.96	1.87
Intl Currency	42.89	45.50●	-0.09	6.51
CAPABILITY TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
8 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Tel: Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690365				
Am & Gen	78.67	83.69●	..	1.84
Do Acc	82.93	88.29●	..	1.56
European	70.99	75.62	..	1.84
Do Acc	72.31	76.93	..	1.84
F East/Gen	53.61	57.06●	..	0.00
Do Acc	53.61	57.06●	..	0.00
Glentriers	[illegible]	243.7	..	2.24
Do Acc	[illegible]	258.2	..	2.24
Growth	243.6	259.1	..	3.94
Do Acc	383.8	407.3	..	3.94
Inc & Gth Inc	[illegible]	311.3	..	3.20
Do Acc	338.5	360.3	..	3.20
Master Portf	277.98	80.81●	..	3.13
Do Acc	283.98	87.01●	..	3.13
Spec Sits	59.80	63.43	..	3.55
Do Acc	61.16	66.06	..	3.55
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT				
PO Box 552 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU Tel: 01-626 0090 01-623 6362				
Alma Index	132.0	140.7	+1.1	1.59
Capital	424.5	453.0●	+1.3	4.50
Euro Index	128.5	136.2	-0.6	1.60
Euro $ S	79.52	84.89	-0.33	2.34

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Far East $ S	[illegible]	72.65	-0.13	0.77
Gold Gen S S	62.99	67.22	+0.10	4.61
Income	379.3	404.7●	+1.7	5.93
Intl Sp Sits	62.59	66.79	+0.27	1.80
Jap Index	68.54	72.52	+0.33	0.00
N Amer	277.8	296.4●	+1.1	1.92
Tiger Index	89.09	94.27	-0.82	1.81
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
Euro Port	72.95	77.86●	-0.38	1.50
Portf	54.57	58.37	-0.50	2.82
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND				
Inv	518.6		..	5.17
Fixed Int	123.8		..	11.69
Deposit	100.0		..	14.92
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND				
Income	495.95	●	..	5.44
Acc	217.0731		..	
Deposit	100.0		..	14.80
CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MANAGERS				
SC Spec Sits	55.93	59.24	..	6.32

[Remaining unit trust columns (Clerical Medical, Commercial Union, Crown, EFM, Eagle Star, Endurance, Equitable, Equity & Law, Fidelity, Foreign & Colonial, Framlington, Friends Provident, FP, GT, Gartmore, Govett, GRE, Guinness Mahon, Hambros, Henderson, Hill Samuel, Kleinwort Benson, LAS, Legal & General, Lloyds Bank, London & Manchester, M & G, MIM Britannia, MLA, Marks & Spencer, Martin Currie, Mercury, Midland, Morgan Grenfell, Murray Johnstone, NM Rothschild, Newton, Pearl, Perpetual, Prolific, Prudential Holborn, Royal Trust, Save & Prosper, Schroder, Scottish Amicable, Scottish Life, Scottish Mutual, Scottish Provident, Standard Life, Stewart Ivory, Sun Alliance, Sun Life of Canada, TSB, Target, Thornton, Touche Remnant, United Charities, Wardley, Waverley, Whittingdale): [illegible]]

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

[illegible]

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

[illegible]

THIRD MARKET

[illegible]

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment h Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 86.9 (day's range 86.9-87.0).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for May 1

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.6360-1.6400	1.6390-1.6400	0.95-0.93pr	2.65-2.63pr
Montrl	1.9049-1.9114	1.9078-1.9114	0.36-0.24pr	0.63-0.48pr
Amstrdm	3.0953-3.1050	3.0969-3.1004	2-1⅞pr	5⅛-4⅞pr
Brussels	56.75-57.01	56.81-57.01	31-20pr	81-64pr
Copnhgn	10.4687-10.4962	10.4731-10.4959	4⅝-3⅞pr	12⅝-11⅞pr
Dublin	1.0266-1.0298	1.0272-1.0282	39-35pr	100-90pr
Frankft	2.7537-2.7609	2.7538-2.7572	1⅝-1⅜pr	4⅞-4⅝pr
Lisbon	243.30-244.48	243.30-244.27	17pr-par	41-67ds
Madrid	173.25-174.01	173.38-173.89	18-11pr	40-31pr
Milan	2015.35-2022.73	2018.22-2021.92	7-5pr	19-17pr
Oslo	10.6929-10.7240	10.6977-10.7207	3⅜-2⅞pr	8⅞-7⅝pr
Paris	9.2319-9.2616	9.2358-9.2496	4⅛-4⅛pr	12⅜-12pr
Stckhlm	9.9887-10.0202	9.9977-10.0202	2⅜-1⅝pr	4⅜-4⅛pr
Tokyo	259.14-260.43	259.11-260.43	1⅞-1⅝pr	5⅞-4⅞pr
Vienna	19.36-19.41	19.38-19.41	11⅝-10⅞pr	29⅝-27⅝pr
Zurich	2.3820-2.3881	2.3823-2.3854	1⅜-1⅛pr	3⅞-3⅝pr

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	7998.21-8035.87
Australia dollar	2.1915-2.1959
Bahrain dinar	0.6135-0.6215
Brazil cruzado*	83.3385-83.7172
Cyprus pound	0.7750-0.7850
Finland marka	6.4990-6.5560
Greece drachma	270.15-273.35
Hong Kong dollar	12.7460-12.7556
India rupee	28.30-28.60
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4780-0.4840
Malaysia ringgit	4.4409-4.4453
Mexico peso	4525-4625
New Zealand dollar	2.8701-2.8770
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.1015-6.1835
Singapore dollar	3.0668-3.0702
S Africa rand (fin)	8.5783-8.7173
S Africa rand (com)	4.3601-4.3610
U A E dirham	5.9750-6.0550

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank GTS

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.5925-1.5940	Denmark	6.3985-6.4035	Italy	1233.0-1234.0
Singapore	1.8745-1.8755	W Germany	1.6835-1.6842	Belgium (Com)	34.68-34.78
Malaysia	2.7145-2.7155	Switzerland	1.4558-1.4568	Hong Kong	7.7910-7.7920
Australia	1.3395-1.3413	Netherlands	1.8920-1.8930	Portugal	148.75-148.85
Canada	1.1640-1.1650	France	5.6400-5.6450	Spain	105.95-106.05
Sweden	6.1025-6.1125	Japan	158.68-158.78	Austria	11.82-11.84
Norway	6.5300-6.5400				

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank GTS and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 15 Finance Hse 15½
Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 15½ Low 14 Week fixed: 14⅞
Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth – 14¹¹⁄₁₆ 3 mth – 14¹¹⁄₁₆
Selling: 2 mth – 14²¹⁄₃₂ 3 mth – 14²¹⁄₃₂
Prime Bank Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 14²³⁄₃₂-¹¹⁄₁₆
2 mth: 14²¹⁄₃₂-14⅝ 3 mth: 14²¹⁄₃₂-14⅝ 6 mth 14⁷⁄₁₆-⅜
Trade Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 15¹¹⁄₃₂
2 mth: 15¹¹⁄₃₂ 3 mth: 15¹¹⁄₃₂ 6 mth 15⅛
Interbank (%): Overnight: open 15⅜ close 15½
1 week: 15-14⅞ 1 mth: 15¹⁄₁₆-⅟₃₂ 3 mth: 15¹¹⁄₃₂-⁹⁄₁₆
6 mth: 15⅞-15⁹⁄₁₆ 9 mth: 15¹⁵⁄₁₆-15⅝ 12 mth: 15¹⁵⁄₁₆-⅞
Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 15 7 day 15 1 mth: 15
3 mth: 15⁵⁄₁₆ 6 mth: 15⁷⁄₁₆ 12 mth: 15¹⁵⁄₁₆
Sterling CDs (%): 1 mth: 15¹⁄₃₂-14²⁹⁄₃₂
3 mth: 15⁹⁄₃₂-⁷⁄₃₂ 6 mth: 15½-15⁷⁄₁₆ 12 mth 15¹¹⁄₁₆-⅝
Dollar CDs (%): 1 mth: 8.45-8.40
3 mth: 8.60-8.55 6 mth: 8.82-8.78 12 mth 9.17-9.12
Building Society CDs (%)
1 mth: 15¹⁄₁₆-15 2 mth: 15³⁄₁₆-⅛ 3 mth: 15⁵⁄₁₆-15¼
6 mth: 15⁹⁄₁₆-15½ 9 mth: 15¹¹⁄₁₆-⅝ 12 mth: 15¾-15⅝

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
Dollar:	8⁵⁄₁₆-8¹⁄₁₆	8⁷⁄₁₆-8⁵⁄₁₆	8⅝-8½	8¾-8⅝
Call: 8⅛-7⅞				
Deutschemark:	7⅝-7⅜	8¹⁄₁₆-7¹⁵⁄₁₆	8⅜-8¼	8⅝-8½
Call: 8-7				
French Franc:	9⅝-9½	9⅝-9½	9¹³⁄₁₆-¹¹⁄₁₆	10-9⅞
Call: 10½-9½				
Swiss Franc:	9¼-9⅛	9⅜-9¼	9⅜-9¼	9⅜-9¼
Call: 9¼-8¼				
Yen:	7¼-7⅛	7⁵⁄₁₆-7³⁄₁₆	7⁷⁄₁₆-7⁵⁄₁₆	7⁹⁄₁₆-7⁷⁄₁₆
Call: 7¼-6½				

GOLD BULLION (Per ounce)
Open: $368.75-369.25 Close: $368.00-368.50
High: $370.25-370.75 Low: $368.00-368.50

GOLD COINS (Per coin, Ex VAT)
Britannia: $379.00-384.00 (£231.00-234.00)
Krugerrand: $368.00-371.00 (£224.50-226.00)
Mapleleaf (1oz): $379.00-384.00 (£231.00-234.00)
American Eagles: $379.00-384.00 (£231.00-234.00)
New Sovereigns: $86.50-87.50 (£52.75-53.25)
Old Sovereigns: $86.50-87.50 (£52.75-53.25)

ECGD
Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: April 30, 1990. Agreed rates May 26, 1990 to June 25, 1990. Scheme I: 15.94 per cent. Schemes II & III: 16.49 per cent. Reference rate March 31, 1990 to April 30, 1990. Scheme IV & V: 15.247 per cent.

PRECIOUS METALS
Platinum pm fix: $476.00 (£290.60)
Palladium pm fix: $118.50 (£72.35)
Spot Silver: $4.96-4.98 (£3.025-3.040)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
FT-SE 100			Previous open interest 19480		
Jun 90	2143.0	2157.0	2142.0	2146.0	5639
Sep 90	2186.0	2186.0	2179.0	2183.0	222
Three Month Sterling			Previous open interest 160264		
Jun 90	84.61	84.66	84.61	84.62	4707
Sep 90	84.72	84.77	84.72	84.72	10241
Three Month Eurodollar			Previous open interest 33660		
Jun 90	91.21	91.23	91.13	91.13	2322
Sep 90	90.94	90.99	90.83	90.83	1883
Three Month Euro DM			Previous open interest 70451		
Jun 90	91.37	91.41	91.37	91.37	2230
Sep 90	90.91	90.95	90.88	90.88	478
Three month ECU			Previous open interest 3890		
Jun 90	89.21	89.21	89.21	89.21	3
Sep 90	89.18	89.16	89.16	89.11	10
US Treasury Bond			Previous open interest 4775		
Jun 90	89-00	89-12	88-17	88-20	1781
Long Gilt			Previous open interest 38451		
Jun 90	77-22	78-00	77-17	77-22	18687
Japanese Govt Bond			Previous open interest 842		
Jun 90	92.99	93.08	92.95	93.00	156
German Govt Bond			Previous open interest 68719		
Jun 90	82.15	82.21	82.03	82.05	4400
Sep 90	81.87	81.92	81.78	81.78	127

COMMODITIES

ICIS-LOR Group

Crude oil notched up one of the quietest days in recent memory with most of the Continent on holiday. A similar scenario was true on products and only gasoil firmed on the back of marginally stronger futures.

CRUDE OILS/assessed ($/BBL FOB)

Brent Phys	16.40	-05
15 day May	16.55	-10
15 day Jun	17.30	+05
WTI Jun	18.75	+20
WTI Jul	19.45	+15

PRODUCTS Buy/sell $/MT. Spot CIF NW Euro - prompt delivery

Prem Gas 15		214-216		
Gasoil EEC	+1	162-163	+1	
Non 1H Jun	+1	158-159	+1	
Non 1H Jul	+2	158-159	+1	
3.5 Fuel Oil		82-84		
Naphtha		158-161		

IPE FUTURES

GAS OIL AMT Futures

May	157.50-57.00
Jun	153.50-53.00
Jul	153.25-52.50
Aug	155.25-54.75
Sep	157.50-56.00
Oct	159.50 SLR
Nov	161.75-60.00
Vol	266

BRENT AMT Futures

Jun	17.08-17.07
Jul	17.56-17.50
Vol	1221

BIFFEX
Gill Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)

May 90	Hi 1320-1275 Low	Close 1285
Jun 90	Hi 1210-1185 Low	Close 1185
Jul 90	Hi 1141-1105 Low	Close 1105
Oct 90	Hi 1235-1200 Low	Close 1200

Vol 323 lots Open interest 4535
Dry cargo index 1365 -6

LONDON POTATO FUTURES (£/tonne)

Mth	Open	Close
May	227.5	234.1
Nov	127.0	126.8
Feb	138.5	137.5
Apr	194.0	188.0

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LONDON FOX

COCOA — May 854-855, Jul 874-875, Sep 890-889, Dec 908-906. AMT Futures: Mar 924-922, May 939-936, Jul 953-952, Vol 4031

COFFEE — May 652-654, Jul 668-669, Sep 679-680, Nov 692-693. AMT Futures: Jan 702-704, Mar 710-720, May 720-735, Vol 3694

SUGAR FOB — Aug 358.4-58.0, Oct 354.0-53.8, Dec 340.0-31.0. C Czarnikow: Vol 4149, Mar 329.4-29.2, May 328.0-27.0, Aug 327.0-25.0

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT close (£/t) Vol 380: My 116.50 Jn 118.50 Sp 113.15 Nv 116.25 Ja 119.60 Mr 123.00
BARLEY close (£/t) Vol 240: My 103.50 Sp 111.80 Nv 115.60 Ja 116.80 Mr 121.50 My 122.50

SOYABEAN — Jun 133.0-36.0, Aug 132.5-34.5. AMT Futures: Oct 135.5-36.0, Dec 138.0-42.0

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Official prices/volume previous day — Rudolf Wolff

(£/tonne)	Cash	3 month	Vol	Tone
Copper Gde A	1652.0-1653.0	1529.0-1530.0	590175	Irregular
Lead	491.0-492.0	491.0-491.5	36950	Steady
Zinc Spec Hi*	1767.0-1770.0	1690.0-1691.0	100400	Steadier
Tin*	6440.0-6450.0	6535.0-6545.0	3575	Quiet
Aluminium Hi*	1503.0-1504.0	1522.0-1523.0	198425	Erly Stdy
Nickel*	9250.0-9300.0	8800.0-8825.0	17424	Steady

† (Cents per Troy oz). * ($ per tonne)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES (/kg)

Live Pig Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Jun	127.5	127.2
Aug	121.0	120.5
Oct	121.3	121.5
Nov	121.3	121.0

Live Cattle Contract

Apr	unq	115.0
Jun	unq	116.0
Aug	unq	116.0

Vol Pig-78 Cattle-15

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Eng/Wal (%)	-13.6	-20.0	-11.8
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2	Wintrust	Banks.Discount	
3	Br Telecom (aa)	Electricals	
4	Bodycote	Industrials A-D	
5	Boots (aa)	Industrials A-D	
6	Racal Telecom (aa)	Electricals	
7	Smiths Ind (aa)	Industrials S-Z	
8	Johnson Cleaners	Industrials E-K	
9	Lloyds (aa)	Banks.Discount	
10	Smith(Beech (aa)	Industrials S-Z	
11	British Gas (aa)	Oil.Gas	
12	Wood (SW)	Industrials S-Z	
13	Trafos	Industrials S-Z	
14	BOC (aa)	Industrials A-D	
15	Br Land (aa)	Property	
16	IMI (aa)	Industrials E-K	
17	Cadbury-Schwp (aa)	Foods	
18	Abbey National (aa)	Banks.Discount	
19	Warburg SG	Banks.Discount	
20	Mowlem (John)	Building.Roads	
21	Steetley	Building.Roads	
22	Beattie (James) 'A'	Drapery.Stores	
23	Speyhawk	Property	
24	Yale & Valor	Industrials S-Z	
25	Tiphook	Transport	
26	Batleys	Foods	
27	Slough Estates (aa)	Property	
28	Rentokil	Chemicals.Plas	
29	Bourne End	Property	
30	Suter	Industrials S-Z	
31	Eurocopy	Industrials E-K	
32	MEPC (aa)	Property	
33	Guinness (aa)	Breweries	
34	Hambros	Banks.Discount	
35	Bass (aa)	Breweries	
36	Clarkson (H)	Transport	
37	Br Dredging	Building.Roads	
38	Tootal	Textiles	
39	Rank Org (aa)	Industrials L-R	
40	BAT (aa)	Tobaccos	
41	Doctus	Industrials A-D	
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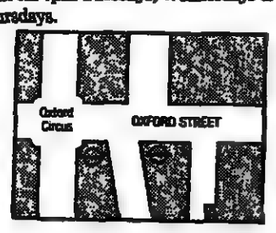

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The London Secretary Show starts today at Olympia 2 and, as **Alan Hamilton** writes, dedication is the name of the game

Penny's empire

The back of Penny Pike's hand is black and blue with a series of urgent felt-tip messages written on it. She apologizes for detaining me, but would I accept coffee while she transmits a long and urgent fax to Richard? I sit in her outer office, waiting. It is a houseboat on the Grand Union Canal.

I am not altogether surprised at the surroundings. Somehow, a floating personal assistant fits perfectly naturally into the unconventional and informal image of the Branson empire.

Penny, finally freed from the fax, relates that she left school with seven O levels, went to secretarial college, and began working in the stultifying boredom of the conveyancing section of a solicitors' office. But at least, she says, it taught her accuracy; you did not dare make a typing mistake as Tipp-Ex did not look well on legal documents.

But the low point of her secretarial career, she believes, came when she worked at a leading advertising agency, and caught herself reading a book one day because there was nothing to do. "I thought that was despicable; the job was obviously unnecessary and therefore fairly worthless."

Between long holidays of travelling cheaply around Europe and managing a villa in Greece, she went temping. "I loathed it, because you can never get stuck into anything, and you always get the feeling that the temps are given the worst jobs." She was saved by a friend pleading with her to go to Virgin Records superstore at Marble Arch, then just opened.

Working up from a shopfloor job that had little to do with shorthand and typing but everything to do with selling records, she eventually became Mr Branson's PA 13 years ago. "I don't know how it happened; Richard just suddenly appeared one day and asked if I would like to work for him."

'One call from Richard can wreck my plans for the evening'

It was initially terrifying. "The first thing he asked me to do was to find a band to back Julie Covington, who was singing on Thames TV that night. I hadn't the faintest idea what to do, so I asked him how you found a band. He said he didn't know. I just had to ask around until I found the answer."

Mr Branson, one suspects, knows very well how to assemble a band at a few hours' notice. "Richard is very imaginative, but also very human and down-to-earth, which encourages you to try that much harder. Also, you know that if you fail to do something, he'll do it himself. And your pride won't let you put up with that."

Dedication to the job has contributed to divorce for Penny. "The hours can be really, really long; you just have to put them in to get the job done. Whatever I have planned for the evening, one call from Richard can wreck it."

Like many PAs in key jobs, Penny rarely travels with her ever-mobile boss. Her job is to hold the fort while the master is absent. But she says she could not now ever work for anyone else. "If I left this job it would be because I wanted children, or to set up my own business – or more likely both at the same time."

To be a successful personal assistant, Penny calculates, requires being very much in tune with the boss. Always be polite, but always make him feel very confident. "And whatever job within a job you are asked to do, always do it, and never feel it is beneath you."

One of the qualities required does not appear to be immaculate shorthand; Penny confesses that hers has declined from 110 words a minute to "a pretty rusty state". She can, on the other hand, boast what must be the ultimate proof of having arrived at the top of the secretarial tree. Penny Pike has two secretaries.

TED BATH

Penny Pike: rarely travels with mobile boss Richard Branson

Males at the terminal

Only 55,000 of Britain's 1.2 million secretaries are male, according to Warwick University's Institute for Employment Research (*Joan Venner writes*). Leading employment agencies, however, say the number is slowly rising. "I think it's partly office technology," says Pauline Kent, Reed Employment's public relations manager. "Men are more comfortable with the idea of sitting behind a computer terminal than the standard typewriter."

An agency that prefers not to be identified puts forward another reason: "As more women are reaching senior management, the role situation is changing. It is something of a novelty for them to have a male secretary." Males, however, can be intimidated by having a male secretary and may feel awkward because they cannot treat him as they would a woman.

Although the idea of the "office wife" is dying out, there are still men who expect secretaries to buy presents for their wives and collect the dry cleaning. They hesitate to ask another man. Few women would waste their secretaries' time in such a way.

Most male secretaries prefer to temp, though some are persuaded to stay. Men in permanent jobs are usually personal assistants to senior executives. Agencies say that when men take to secretarial work, they are very good.

Some male temps regard secretarial work as a source of finance for other interests, not as a career. Tim Wright, working for a male consultant at Standard Chartered Bank, says he earns twice as much in temping as he did in programming. His aim is to make enough to enable him to work as a jazz musician in the evenings. One anonymous male, who won a medal in the Royal Society of Arts examination for personal assistants, temps so that he can take off for foreign travel.

Skills: Andrew Ravenscroft

Andrew Ravenscroft is now working in the Brook Street Bureau head office after a spell with the National Grid. He has a degree in English, taught himself to type and acquired word-processing skills. "I shan't be doing this long-term," he says. "While I am working I can improve on my existing computer skills. Up to now I have used three or four word-processing packages."

Male temps easily find jobs. They are in demand in Britain and in Continental Europe. Many legal and financial offices in Paris remain open until midnight for business with the United States, and men do the evening shifts.

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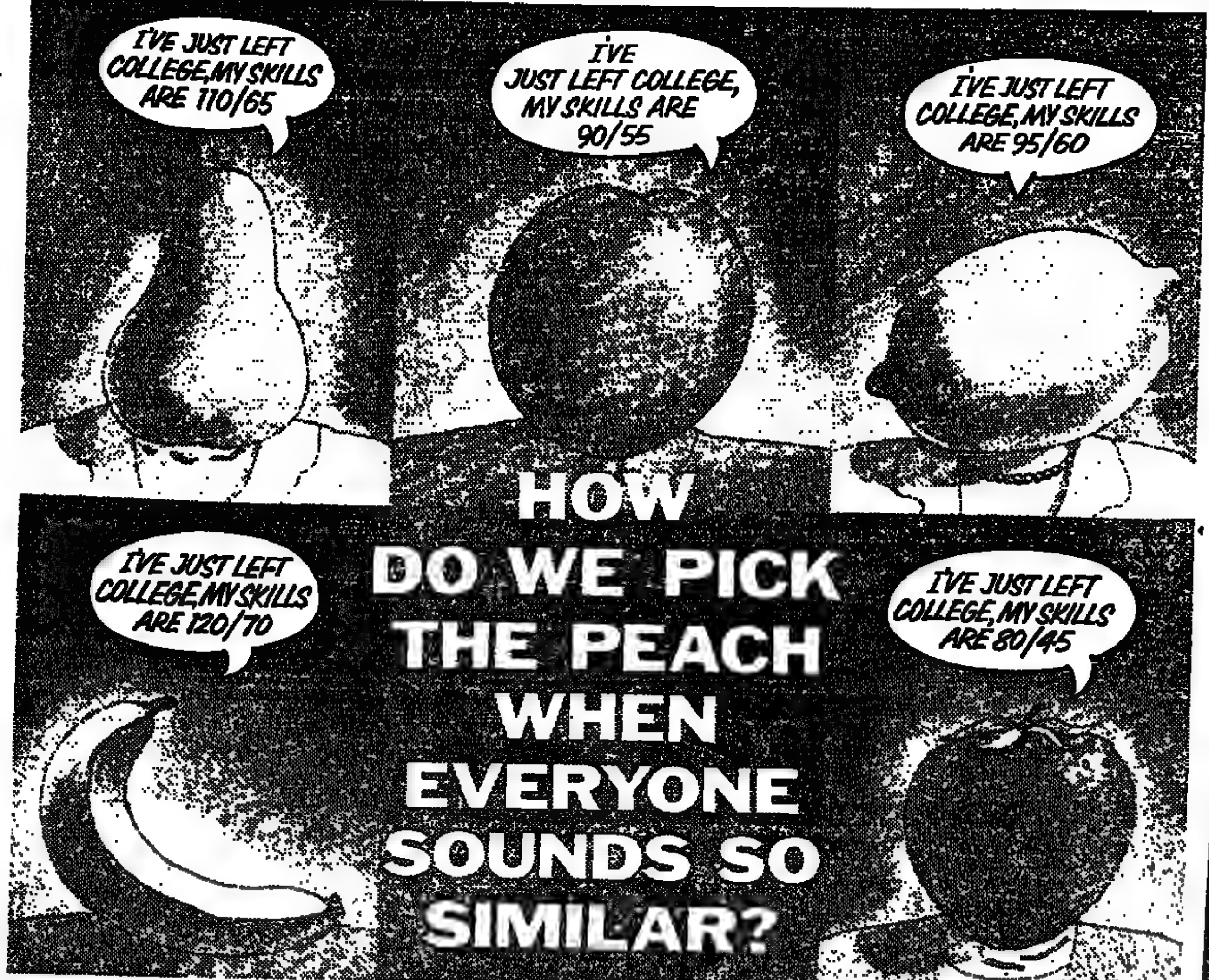

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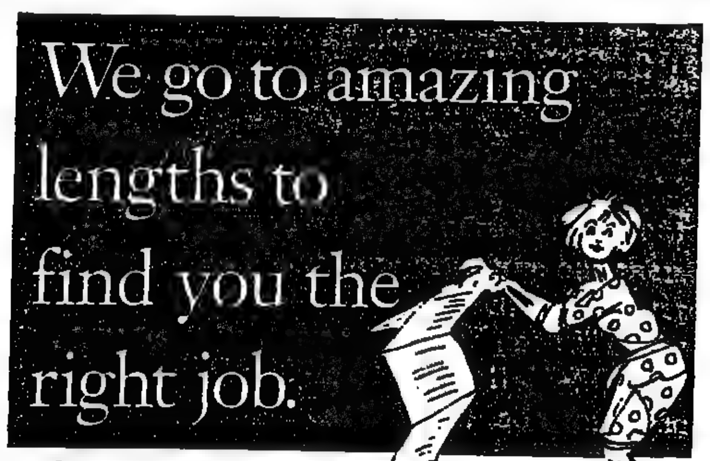

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Job criteria not just £s

Secretaries have a wide selection of job opportunities, writes **Beryl Dixon**, but which field should a newcomer choose?

JOHN CHAPMAN

Word processing: training is a distinct employment advantage

Secretaries have never had it so good. It appears from the abundance of job advertisements that applicants are spoilt for choice. There are openings with all kinds of employers for every grade of secretary, from college-leavers — who in London can now command between £9,000 and £11,000 — to the top PA earning well in excess of £30,000.

Second-jobbers in particular are in short supply and able to get £14,000-£16,000 with little difficulty.

The shortage of good secretaries means that the well-qualified can now afford to discriminate between employers — who are responding in the main by offering higher salaries and perks. That is fine if those are the applicant's prime considerations. Other employers — who can be worth checking out — are also offering better training and career development.

Many of them provide training in word-processing, use of personal computers and desk-top publishing as a matter of course, while others send their secretaries on courses in time-management, communications and even assertiveness training — generally a sign that they envisage the job developing into a true PA role or a stepping-stone to management.

What kind of person really has the pick of the job market? Obviously sound technical skills are a must. Good typing and shorthand go without saying. Then comes word-processing. If a secretary is trained in two or more of the most commonly used ones, that is a distinct advantage — although if he or she is suitable in every other aspect, employers will cross-train.

Languages are an asset — but not as great a one as might be expected with 1992 just around the corner. It all depends on individual employers. Some are still rigidly mono-lingual; others are frantically looking for secretaries fluent in other languages. The latter should come to be in greater demand in the next few years. Languages are a particular advantage when applying for some jobs, particularly in property, law and international business.

For the very top jobs, technical skills must be backed by experience plus social and communication skills. And anyone possessing all of the above should be in a buyer's market. On the other hand, some areas are perennially popular. More secretaries want to get into advertising, PR, marketing and the media than into anything else. Competition for employment in such sectors is fiercer — and salaries can be lower.

Very few secretaries actually choose a job on salary grounds alone. Location, status, working conditions, and the boss (in few other jobs can the one-to-one relationship involved be quite so crucial) all play a part. But there are some for whom, other things being equal, it comes down to a choice between jobs based on salary.

In that case, where are the best paid jobs? Naturally enough, there is a premium in financial services where, according to Crone Corkill, the recruitment agency, the pool of interested, suitable candidates is smaller and employers have to offer more. Next come property, large law firms and some branches of industry where the image is rather unglamorous. By contrast, a salary survey carried out by the Gordon Yates Group concluded that salaries were generally lower than average in the arts, media and publishing.

In advertising and marketing, salaries were average with interesting variations. These showed that the smaller companies paid their middle managers' secretaries better, while the larger ones paid their senior secretaries higher, than the average.

It should not be forgotten that benefits can increase the total salary package considerably. Free meals, season ticket loans, medical insurance and pension schemes all add up, while at current interest rates a subsidized mortgage can be worth from £2,000 to £4,000.

Boss can learn from show

Joan Venner reports on the information to be displayed

Talking shop: secretaries can speak to systems manufacturers

Research has shown that secretaries and PAs are responsible for a billion pounds worth of direct business expenditure a year, and are probably a major influence in the expenditure of much more business cash. At the London Secretary Show at Olympia 2, which starts today and runs until Friday, a host of exhibitors will be competing for their custom.

Nick Needs, managing director of Blenheim Pel, which has organized the show, urges secretaries to bring their bosses along. "Our aim," he says, "is not only to provide hands-on experience of up-to-the-minute information and technology and to help secretaries and their bosses to become winning teams, by better understanding of each other's needs, but also to provide a great day out."

So often an executive delegates the running of the office to a top secretary/PA who makes the routine purchasing decisions, is asked an opinion on a new word-processor, sees to the boss's travel arrangements, and arranges the catering for an office party. If this is done well, the PA may ultimately organize official entertaining and company conferences.

Secretaries at the London Secretary Show, now in its fourth year, will be able to examine computers and peripherals, and talk to systems manufacturers.

The secretary also will have an opportunity to discuss the employer's needs with travel agents, airlines, car-hire firms, hotels, caterers, couriers, parcel services and employment agencies.

One of those who went to the show last year was Anne Marie Humphries, then a secretary, now a sales administration officer with Courage's. She intends to go again. "Every secretary should have an opportunity to attend," she says. "Last year there was a communications system which most secretaries would normally never get to see. My boss got one when I told him about it."

In 1989 secretaries were asked to fill in a questionnaire on the 10 top irritations in the office. This year, those who attend (20,000 are expected) will have a chance to hear an analysis of the results. Bosses should turn up, too, and discover what most gets under the skin of their secretary. Some, one hopes, will turn over a new leaf.

A major change this year is that instead of queuing up, the secretary can pre-book for one of the seminars organized by the Industrial Society and the Institute of Qualified Private Secretaries.

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"Everybody is heading towards Europe," says Christine Moscrop, of the Merrow Employment Agency. "The main demand is from French, German and other foreign companies in the UK who have always needed bilingual secretaries.

"What has changed is that many British and American companies are beginning to realize that languages are becoming increasingly useful because they have a bigger range of clients."

With takeovers on the Continent and increasing City activity, many legal firms are advertising for people with languages and legal experience. Vacancies far outnumber suitable applicants. Bilingual secretaries are required by firms of all kinds engaged in import/export, by architects, advertising companies, merchant banks and other financial institutions.

Opportunities are good overseas, too. Sheila Burgess, of Sheila Burgess, Recruitment Consultants, says that Paris is feeling the effect of 1992 even more than London. The major service industries, particularly legal and financial, are looking for British secretaries with fluent French.

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Students of German work in offices and banks in Frankfurt, Wiesbaden, Stuttgart and Munich.

Parlez-vous français?: bilingual secretaries are much in demand as companies gear up for 1992

Spanish students have placements in Spain.

Many students are offered permanent posts by the firms with which they undertake their fieldwork, including Theodore Goddard, the Paris law firm. One recent student is in Germany with the Hong Kong Trade Development Council. Her two bosses, one German and one Chinese, do not speak each other's language, and all communication is in English via their secretary.

While most secretarial jobs with languages are based in London and certain large cities, a sprinkling can be found locally in container and import-export firms.

The language content of a bilingual secretary's job, particularly in the UK, is not always as high as the secretary would wish.

But languages are increasingly useful. "Another language," says Mary Overton, senior management adviser with the Industrial Society, "gives you an edge over other secretaries."

Last year, the society held a conference in association with the European Association of Professional Secretaries (EAPS). Some secretaries from the Continent complained that too often when British secretaries telephoned, they began the conversation in English. It would be more polite to ask, in the appropriate tongue, "Do you speak English?" and continue from there, they said.

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Joan Venner

New skill gives documents style

Secretaries in the Eighties faced a minefield of acronyms before they could decide whether they had the necessary skills to apply for a new job, let alone do the job *(Geof Wheelwright writes)*. Notices such as "Sec req. with WP, WS and DOS experience" in temping agencies mystified many.

Just when they thought they had trained themselves in every conceivable new word-processing package and were well on top of the acronyms, along comes another one. The letters are DTP — "*desktop publishing*".

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Using DTP, a lifeless annual report can be presented in the style of a glossy magazine.

There are a few problems, however. Not the least of which is that many employers expect too much too soon, and for too little. Secretaries are often expected to produce "designer" documents without being given any basic grounding in design or typography.

As people in the general business community begin to become aware of just how good business documents can look using DTP technology, they will begin to demand that it be introduced in their offices.

Here are a few simple words of advice. Use the documentation included with the DTP software. Send key staff on a desktop publishing course and read the course brochures carefully, as some still do not provide any basic design advice.

Employers must understand that desktop-publishing a document takes longer than simple word-processing.

Once the design is established, it can often be re-used for future documents and turn-around times can be improved. There are three basic stages to desktop publishing. The first is keying-in the text, the second is to establish the basic design. This includes setting up the column widths, headlines and picture placement.

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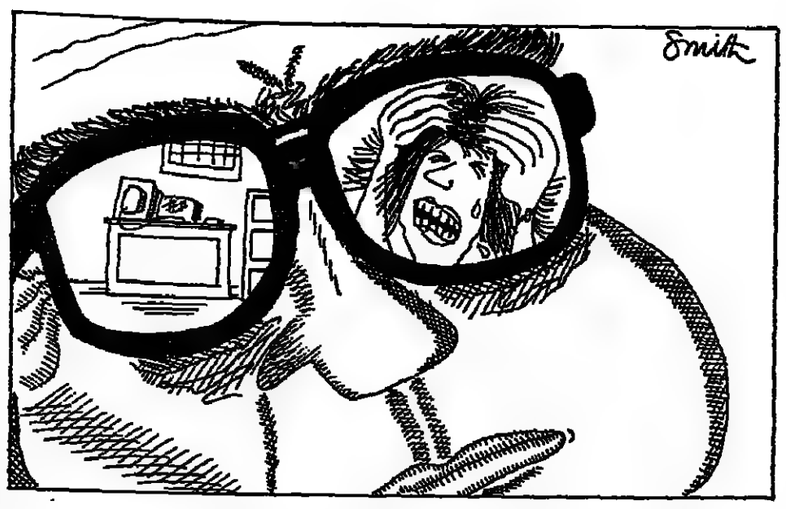

Talk eases the tension

Communication between boss and employee is at the heart of a profitable solution to office stress, Joan Venner writes

Individual responses to stress and irritation vary. Something which annoys one person may be treated as a challenge by another. Certain sources of stress in the office can, and should, be eliminated, however, if efficient overall performance is not to be affected.

At the London Secretary Show last year, secretaries were given a list of likely irritations in the office, and asked to state which bothered them most.

When the responses were analysed, the four top irritations were: constantly being interrupted when they were busy, finding the photocopier jammed or out of paper, trying to fix meetings with people who did not keep their diaries up to date, and being given urgent work just as they were about to go home.

Ginny Tate, of Tate Appointments, agrees with the last. "Some bosses do not plan their day. The secretary may sit doing little from nine to three and then there is a mad rush from three to eight.

"A second secretary may work with a group of bosses. Sometimes she is faced with ten urgent demands and sometimes with nothing. Of course, she ought to be the one to get them together to establish a system of priorities."

At the very base of the list of irritations came sexual harassment. Much has appeared about this in the Press, but Rita Betts, of the Institute of Qualified Private Secretaries, says she has never known a secretary who experienced this form of harassment.

If a secretary is to be happy at work, the attitude of the boss is crucial. Failure to delegate can be a common source of grievance. Many bosses insist on dealing with matters which are better left to their secretaries, and some refuse to accept that their secretaries can do more than answer the telephone, take down dictation and make coffee. "I have always done it this way," they maintain.

Stress can also be generated through a poor office environment, by such factors as poor lighting, faulty heating and air-conditioning, flickering VDU screens, badly designed chairs, and noise from office equipment and phones.

When Reed Employment commissioned a survey on the office environment and its effect on staff, 55 per cent of those interviewed described their job as "very stressful" or "quite stressful".

They complained of lighting which gave them headaches, glare from VDU screens, drab surroundings, backache caused by chairs with poor support, and sleepiness from overheated offices.

What can be done to relieve these stresses? Mary Overton, a senior management adviser, runs secretarial development courses for the Industrial Society. She says: "If secretaries learn good time-management skills and have a good working relationship with their manager/managers, then a lot of stress will disappear. Secretaries are often their own worst enemies. They bring a lot upon themselves by not liking to say 'no'.

"It all comes down to communication and having a good understanding of each other's role. Managers rarely have a chance to be trained to use a secretary effectively. The secretary should tell her manager what she can do. The two should be constantly talking and trying to iron out problems. They have got to identify all the things that waste time."

She says that secretaries should be working with their managers and not for them. Secretaries need information, and the most obvious way of getting information is by asking the manager.

Secretaries often tell her: "But he is always so busy." They must, she maintains, learn to be more confident and assertive. Most managers say: "If only secretaries would tell us when they see problems ahead rather than make excuses afterwards for things they have not done."

Many environmental stresses, the Reed survey found, stem from lack of thought and foresight on the part of the employer. Of course, some, such as heating, can be expensive to put right, but other problems are more simply solved.

The secretary should not, however, leave everything to the employer. She can help herself by ensuring that the VDU screen is positioned at a 90-degree angle to the window or source of direct light and by taking frequent short breaks away from the screen. This should prevent wrist strain as well as easing visual stress. If the chair causes backache, the secretary should complain and ask for a replacement. Surely this is better than walking out of the job without saying why?

Age of the techno-shock

Anyone returning to office work after even a few years' absence may find their experience transformed by new office technologies *(Geof Wheelwright writes)*. Typewriters have been replaced by word-processors, terminals have evolved into personal computers, and simple telephones have been developed into telecommunications terminals.

Getting to grips with new technology requires a basic understanding of what each machine does and how it is best used.

Probably the most widespread new addition to the modern office is the facsimile or "fax" machine. This can be described as a "photocopier over the telephone". It allows documents, diagrams, pictures, letters and agreements to be sent via the telephone line, eliminating much of the need for couriers and express post.

To use the fax machine, you dial the number of the receiving machine (either using the fax system's own dialler or an ordinary telephone) and then feed the pages into the system — one by one — much as you would with a photocopier.

Hot on the heels of the fax machine is the personal computer. This is most widely used for word-processing. A programme instructs the computer to accept typed-in information and then sends it over a cable to a computer printer for transfer to paper.

A personal computer's keyboard is much the same as a typewriter's and the instructions, while complicated, are common sense. A word-processor can be anything from a typewriter with a few additional facilities to a complete computer with screen and computer printer.

Today's office: Word-processors replace the typewriters

Typewriters now often include either flat liquid crystal display screens or television-style, full-blown cathode ray tubes, spell-checking facilities, a built-in Thesaurus and even computer disc-drives. These facilities are included on the new range of machines offered by Smith Corona, the typewriter manufacturer.

The office photocopier has also been evolving. Many are much smaller, but have more facilities. Reducing, enlarging, copying on both sides and even colour photocopying are common options with mainstream photocopiers.

Meanwhile, switchboards and telephone systems have begun to take on the appearance of computer terminals.

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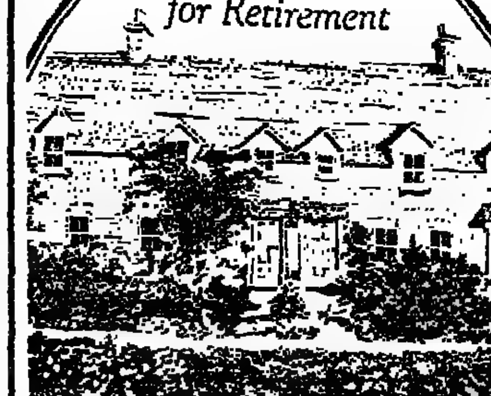

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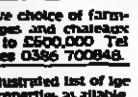

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RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

By Christopher Warman
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Recent legislation has made the letting of property an attractive business proposition once again

The time to take in a lodger

When the Environment Department launched a campaign last week to encourage householders to take in a lodger, it brought along a real live example to show that the system works. Christopher Chope, the junior housing minister, introduced Robert Somerville, who lives in a maisonette in south-west London, and his lodger, Paul Dixon, at a press conference, indicating that the lodger has been considered an almost extinct breed for 20 years.

The reason was the rent controls that were introduced in the 1960s to prevent exploitation of tenants by landlords.

The 1988 Housing Act lifted those controls, enabling the householder and the lodger to work out an informal agreement between them and — important for the householder — denying the lodger security of tenure.

Under their arrangement, Mr Dixon has a room and shares the bathroom and the kitchen, paying £35 a week, and this includes all bills except telephone and community charge.

Mr Somerville said: "Our arrangement works well, but I would warn people not to expect a perfect lodger."

Mr Dixon responded: "I would encourage people to take lodgings, but you have to expect problems with the landlord."

Delicate questioning elicited the fact that the two, who otherwise get on well, find an occasional battleground in the kitchen over the piles of dishes waiting to be washed up.

Mr Chope, with the practical experience of being a lodger and somebody who has taken in a lodger, is enthusiastic in recommending the renting out of a spare room. "It can help both the householder and the person requiring accommodation," he said. "It provides extra cash to help with bills while providing a home for someone wanting to come to London, or any city, to work or study, who often finds it hard to get a room."

He called on organizations to set up registers listing rooms to let and people wanting rooms, and showed that the department has already answered the call by setting up a board in the foyer.

"We believe there are tens of thousands of rooms that could be used for lodgers, which would help to ease the difficulties of finding a room, and would certainly help job mobility," Mr Chope said.

One of the main obstacles in the way of providing "digs" has been the fear that the lodger will not move out when requested. A booklet, *Want to Rent a Room?*, published by the department and the Welsh Office to explain the system, makes it clear that changes in the law mean that "if someone lives in your home and shares accommodation with you, he or she has no right to stay on when you want him or her to go".

It says: "The person sharing is in the same position as a lodger. The arrangements can easily be ended, as your lodger has no legal rights to stay after the agreed period."

In the past, too, some mortgage lenders were against the letting of spare rooms, but now they do not object as long as they are informed. The householder does not normally need planning permission or other official approval unless the intention is to take several people in.

There is one thing the householder must remember: he or she must add any profit from a lodger to other income, and income tax will be payable if the total of taxable income exceeds the tax allowances. There is the possibility of setting expenses against income but the general rule is that only those expenses incurred "wholly and exclusively" for the purpose of the lodgings can be deducted from income before tax.

These could include the cost of food if provided, and a proportion of household expenses such as heating, water rates, insurance and repairs.

The new boom for landlords

Estate agents are reporting vigorous activity in the rental market in London and the regions while residential sales remain becalmed. New agencies specializing in rentals have sprung up, and established firms, including Knight Frank & Rutley and W.A. Ellis, are opening or expanding their rental side. Knight Frank & Rutley, already represented in London Docklands, has recently taken over Orr Ewing Associates to extend its lettings coverage into central London.

Hamptons' residential lettings division says in its quarterly survey that many British executives are joining international applicants seeking the best-quality rental accommodation in regional centres. This is partly because high interest rates are still deterring potential investors from buying, and partly because of better communications and the flexibility adopted by national companies "who are quite happy to dispatch their employees to different areas of the country for training or experience for up to three years".

The trend has been reflected in the number of longer lets returning after a panic period, during which both landlords, waiting for a purchase offer, and tenants, waiting for a change in interest rates, demanded tenancies of about six months. Hamptons' regional offices confirm that landlords are resigned to a longer wait for buyers and are willing to look at one-year tenancies, and individual and corporate clients realize lower interest rates are some time off.

In London, by contrast, Hamptons says more movement of individuals throughout cities has reduced the tenancy term, often to six months. There is also an identifiable new sector, the "between houses" people reluctant to buy at current interest rates who opt instead for a six-month to one-year tenancy in an unfurnished central London family home.

Farley's rental department, in Kensington, says that although business has never been better, much of its time is taken up by community charge difficulties. One problem is that landlords are liable to up to twice the charge on empty flats. The company says: "They need a fast rental and are prepared to negotiate on the price."

The Association of Residential Letting Agents is convinced that the private rented sector, now taking a substantial part of the overall housing market, is back to stay.

Cottages are not normally associated with London's fashionable Knightsbridge, but Regency Cottage is a fine and rare property in Rutland Gardens, a private cul-de-sac. The cottage, built on two floors, has three bedrooms, two reception rooms, a two-bedroom staff annexe, a garden at the front, a courtyard at the rear and private parking. The agent, Chesterfield, is asking £1.1 million for the freehold, pointing out that the community charge in the Borough of Westminster is only £195, almost the lowest in the country.

IN THE MARKET

■ The Firs, a Queen Anne farmhouse in Fen Drayton, Cambridgeshire, was sold by auction through Bidwells, of Cambridge, for £500 exactly 100 years ago. It is on the market again through the same agents, with a rather different price — £300,000. The four-bedroom house has five acres and in the grounds there is an early 18th-century timber-framed barn, which, with permission, could be converted into an office, a studio or a separate house.

■ Central London buyers pay a premium for period and new houses. Number 16, Cottesmore Gardens, Kensington, is a new house, a rare thing in the area, with the period look of its town-house terrace neighbours and the latest construction and insulation standards. The 5,800 sq ft house has a 34ft double-aspect drawing room, a dining room library, a conservatory, a family room, a main bedroom suite and four other bedrooms. Beauchamp Estates and Knight Frank & Rutley want £3 million.

■ The walled gardens at Wadstray House, Dartmouth, Devon, were laid out between the wars by Viscount Chaplin, who brought rare plants from overseas. They adorn the eight acres of the Grade II listed five-bedroom Georgian house. Jackson-Stops & Staff at Exeter is asking more than £600,000.

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Flattening the critics with facts

Under Charles Hughes, the Football Association's national director of coaching and education, England's pattern of play seemed cast in the long-ball game. In the first of a three-part series, Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent, discovers that, while Hughes does favour a direct method, his statistical analyses reveal a more cultured approach

Charles Hughes, the Football Association's national director of coaching, this week took on some of his sternest critics in the media. He was prepared to meet those armed with poison pens because he knew he would win. He had the indisputable facts to support his case.

Although few outsiders have been familiar with his philosophy, he has regularly been accused of promoting the long-ball game. The vision of the future was potentially chilling. He could, in his authoritative position, be pushing the nation's finest young talent towards a version of football which is designed for the deficient, the limited and the unimaginative.

The implications were particularly grotesque because Graham Taylor, another supposed supporter of the wretchedly tedious style, is regarded as the favourite to succeed Bobby Robson as England manager. It did not take a soothsayer to see that even the national representatives might soon be running around Wembley with all the purpose of over-size headless chickens.

To the relief of those who attended a seminar lasting four hours, Hughes presented prolonged visual and verbal evidence which confirmed that his beliefs have been portrayed erroneously. He had the figures, almost too many figures, to prove that he thinks positively along altogether more cultured lines.

Instead of breeding giants to propel the ball into the stratosphere and physically to batter opponents into submission where and when it lands, England's youths are being taught a more sophisticated and, as he explained in minute detail, the most efficient system of direct play. He calls it "the winning formula".

It is based on a statistical examination of the modern game's most successful sides. Through films of 109 World Cup ties staged between 1966 and 1986, he pinpointed precisely how Argentina, Brazil, England, Italy, Netherlands and West Germany, scored their goals. He also included in his survey a random selection of Liverpool's fixtures from 1984 to 1988.

Some of the results are a revelation. It is widely held, for instance, that the most productive crosses are delivered from the byline. Yet, Hughes shows that many more goals were scored in those matches from early crosses which were driven towards the back of the defence.

Since other myths have been perpetuated, he claims that football throughout the world has been heading in the wrong direction for 30 years. Players have been indulging increasingly in the possession game (which he defines as a move of six or more passes) rather than in direct play (a move of fewer than six).

Direct play is seven times more likely to produce a goal and the more important the game, the more likely the ploy will be successful. An astonishing fact emphasizes the point. In the six finals of the World Cup spanning the two decades, in a sample used to corroborate the evidence, only two of the 27 goals were devised through the possession game.

The other principal misconception is that the best method of defence is to retreat. It is not. Pushing up or "pressing" as it is known, significantly increases the chances of regaining possession in advantageous areas. "The further you drop back," Hughes says, "the further you are distancing yourself from victory."

Sides who win the ball back in their opponents' third of the pitch are, respectively, four and seven times more likely to score than if they did so in midfield or in their own third. The two strategies — of direct play in attack and pressing in defence — are fundamental to Hughes's philosphy.

They are, he says, also natural. "If you watch children in the park, they don't want to build up. They prefer to run with the ball, dribble or shoot. They want to get the ball back where they lost it. Their instincts are entirely compatible with these statistics.

"But coaches have taught them other ways and the game has declined in terms of goals (the average of 5.4 a game in the 1954 World Cup has dropped alarmingly by more than 50 per cent to only 2.5 in 1986), enjoyment and fun. Our task is to redress the balance and equip players with the best technique."

Hughes put his theories into practice as the manager of the England amateur, Olympic and under-16 teams in the Sixties and Seventies. His record of 13 defeats in 85 matches was, in his own words, "not bad". He is now using his vast experience to educate the youngsters.

"We are sometimes accused of over-coaching but our best youths are playing 150 games a season and, because they are bound to be natural athletes, they will be involved in other sports as well. There isn't time to coach them, let alone over-coach them. They are burning themselves out."

He provided a frightening illustration of his statement. Of the 16 boys chosen for the FA's School of Excellence next September, no fewer than 13 are suffering severely from "stress conditions", mostly of the spine. Two 15-year-olds, sadly, have been told that their careers are effectively over before they had begun.

He feels that the seeds sewn at the School of Excellence will not fully bear fruit until the 1994 World Cup. Hughes plays a part in the national team, in advising Bobby Robson how to sharpen the attack.

"I told him that, if we win 10 corners and all of them are swung in to the near post, we are likely to score. Don't put Butcher in there. Keep the opposition expecting something else. Barnes should be the target. He is a good leaper and can touch the ball on."

He also stressed the value of the instant strike. Including headers but excluding free kicks and penalties, almost three in four goals were scored without first controlling the ball. "When Gary Lineker is playing well, he shoots first time. Remember the World Cup in 1986? When he's not, he takes two or three touches."

A self-confessed purist who admires Liverpool as a team and Gascoigne as an individual, Hughes refused to disassociate himself from the long-ball game. His critics, by now disarmed, stirred but only momentarily. "That would mean I've been associated with it and I never have." He conceded, though, that both he and Taylor have modified their approach.

He caused even greater consternation recently when he was reported to have told American coaches that "Brazil have got it all wrong." He has no misgivings about their technique. "It is marvellous but they haven't won the World Cup since 1970. If they applied the right strategies, we would all be in trouble. So why publicly offer them hints in his comprehensive book, *The Winning Formula*? "It is terribly important to win the World Cup," he replied. "But it is equally important that football should be vibrant. Someone will be lucky enough to win the tournament in July but the 24 teams are there to take part in a festival." He could not, in conclusion, have been more reassuring.

● *The Winning Formula* (Collins, £9.95, by Charles Hughes).

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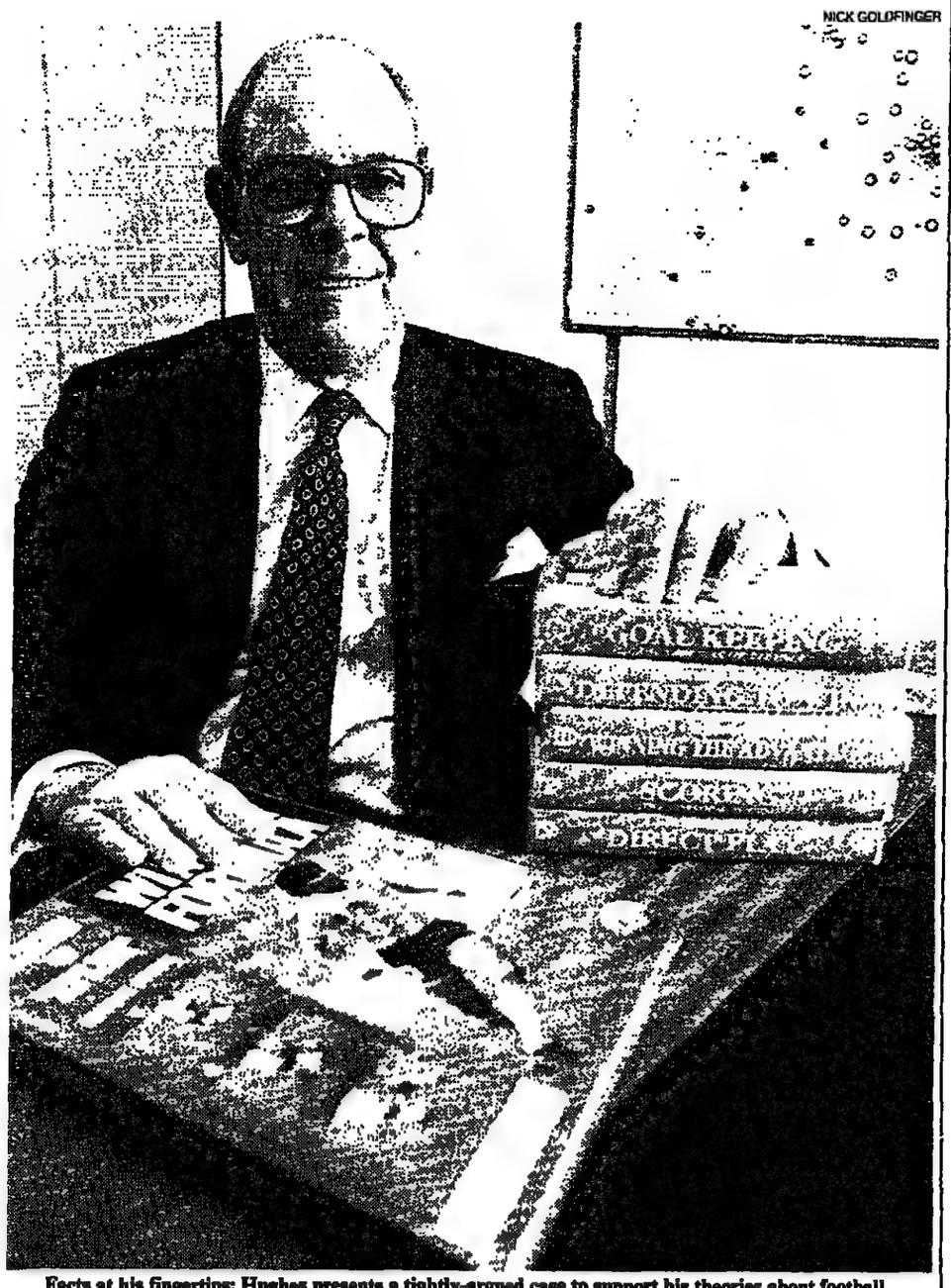

Facts at his fingertips: Hughes presents a tightly-argued case to support his theories about football

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TOMORROW

Strategies: why direct play is incomparably more efficient than the possession game

RUGBY UNION

Bath pick quartet of newcomers to cup final cauldron

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

BATH, for all the five cup finals in which they have been involved since 1984, will introduce four players who have yet to sample this particular Twickenham experience when they defend the trophy in Saturday's Pilkington Cup final against Gloucester before a capacity crowd.

However, Callard (full back), Adebayo (wing), Ubogu (prop) and Withey (flanker) will have plenty of advice from their colleagues, who include two — Hill and Chilcott — who have appeared in all Bath's previous finals, all of which they have won. They will be opposed by a Gloucester side unchanged from that which let slip the league title at Nottingham last weekend.

The debate in selection at Bath will have centred primarily on the front and back rows of the scrum where two players of considerable experience, Lee and Simpson, have been omitted. Ubogu's advance as a scrummager, and his extra mobility, have given him the front-row place at loose-head over the last month, with Chilcott switching to Lee's position of tight-head.

Withey has spent most of his career with the club in the shadow of a bevy of international back-row players, but has now forced his way ahead of Simpson, in the absence of Hall, because of suspension. Blackett, the wing, who has played more games than most for the first XV this season, also finds himself edged out by the raw speed and power of Adebayo, the Swansea University student.

Bath, who trained on Monday and yesterday, will have their concluding session today, as will Gloucester, whose XV includes four survivors from their last appearance in the final: the only drawn match since the knockout competition began, against Moseley in 1982, when Mogg, Preedy, Gadd and Teague all played. Mogg's experience also extends to the 1978 final, when he scored the try that helped beat Leicester 6-3.

BATH: J Callard; A Swift, S Halliday, J Guscott, A Adebayo; S Barnes, R Hill; V Ubogu, G Dawe, G Chilcott, A Robinson, N Redman, D Cronin, K Withey, D Egerton.
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Wasps are worthy league champions

By David Hands

TONY Jorden, the former England full back, who, with Rob Smith, shares the coaching duties at Wasps, is still coming to terms with his club's remarkable success in winning the Courage Clubs Championship at the last gasp. "After November our league season was over; after January our cup season was over, too, but we decided to try to keep winning our remaining league matches in the hope of coming second," he said.

It would be too easy to suggest that Wasps won the league last weekend by the failure of others. There is an element of truth in that, but that is the nature of league competition and it does no credit to players, coaches or administrators at Sudbury, who have sustained a playing standard over the last five years.

Now that Wasps have broken their duck in the matter of important trophies, they will have to discover whether they have the ability and the character to ride the extra effort opponents will make to unseat the champions.

In that respect, they are likely to have most of this season's squad available, as well as the sound base which their colts have provided. It is of more than passing interest that Wasps, whose colts beat Agen, the French junior champions, 15-11 on Sunday, was the venue last month for a meeting of 13 clubs, including eight from this season's first division, who would like to see the formation next season of a colts league. The Rugby Football Union's competitions sub-committee will debate the proposition on May 17.

A successful colts team enables clubs to plan with greater confidence and Wasps score heavily in this area. But Jorden also believes that the leadership provided on and off the field by Rob Andrew has been a big factor in this season's success: "What has been missing historically at Wasps has been given them by Rob. He has presence and he also has an attitude where he does not tolerate anything which is not particularly purposeful."

In the last traumatic fortnight — the road accident which killed Raphael Tsagane, the young Wasps wing, and put Sean O'Leary, the lock, into hospital, followed by the split with Mark Taylor, their New Zealand coach — Andrew's maturity and sheer capacity for the unpublicized, difficult personal tasks which must be done in such circumstances have been of immense value to the club. If any single individual deserved the favour that Nottingham, his former club, did for Wasps by beating Gloucester on Saturday, it was he.

Wasps can now bask in the limelight, as can Northampton and London Scottish, champions respectively of the second and third divisions. Liverpool St Helens will be a welcome northern addition to the first division, as will Wakefield to the second. But what does the future hold for London Welsh, relegated to what is now to be known as league four (south), where they will be joined by Maidenhead and Weston-super-Mare from the south-west and North Walsham and Ealing from London and the south-east? League four (north) will include next season, Otley and Harrogate from north one, and Hereford and the newly amalgamated club, Birmingham/Solihull, from the Midlands.

SCHOOLS CRICKET

Whittington welcomes the arrival of summer

By George Chesterton

FOR the second year running, April fixtures have been blessed with summer weather: but it is not merely for the weather that Jonathan Whittington will remember **Eton**'s meeting with **St Edward's**. St Edward's batted with reasonable comfort to 57 for two, when Whittington was brought into the attack. Bowling slow left-arm, in a spell of 7.3 overs, of which four were maidens, he demolished St Edward's, taking eight for three. Eton found no difficulty in making the runs for the loss of only one wicket.

There was less interest when **Harrow** travelled to **Winchester**. The visiting team made its way to 205 for nine before declaring at tea. The Wykehamists made a dart for the runs, but lost too many wickets and settled for a draw at 103 for eight.

Repton won handsomely in midweek, Paulett making 105 not out in their total of 206 for three, against **Pocklington**. Pocklington made a spirited reply and were only bowled out for 161 in the last over. On Saturday at Repton, Richardson, of **Oundle**, had six for 43 bowling fast medium, with a good leg cutter. Repton were all out for 167, but in a day when the bowlers were on top. Oundle slipped behind the clock and settled for a draw on 126 for six.

In contrast, at **Radley**, only seven wickets fell with over 400 runs being scored. Robinson made 119 of the home team's total of 239 for four. **Wellington**, the visitors, started well, but Cookson, their free-scoring left-hand batsman, was well caught in the gully and after his departure, try hard as they did, they could not quite maintain the momentum and the match was drawn, with their total of 172 for seven.

SQUASH RACKETS

Robertson's long wait over

From Colin McQuillan, Karlsruhe, West Germany

CHRIS Robertson, of Australia, promoted for the first time to No. 3 in the May world ranking list, celebrated yesterday by defeating Chris Dittmar 15-10, 10-15, 15-6, 15-6 in the 76-minute final of the Hi-Tec European Open.

Dittmar, also Australian, was himself world No. 3 until zero-rated by the International Squash Players Association for missing the Finnish Open. He put Jahangir Khan out of the semi-finals here and perhaps saw that third win over the Pakistani as a job well enough done.

Certainly the big left-hander from Adelaide could find no similar attack yesterday to break down the extraordinary speed and flexibility of the peppery little Brisbane player, who was once dismissed as being unable to play real men's squash.

In the 26-minute opening game, Dittmar was in turn commanding, desperate, and forlorn. From 9-9 he lost in two hands, contributing four unforced errors. He won the second game with authority, but his return for the third was positively leaden footed. Eleven minutes later, he was 2-1 down and on his way to inevitable defeat.

Robertson's previous wins were as far back as the Malaysian Open in 1988 and the Australian and Monaco Opens in 1987.

He said: "Chris was obviously feeling the effects of his match against Jahangir and I was feeling fast. With other Australians pushing the leading four and a bunch of young Englishmen coming through, we can expect more upsets."

Jansher Khan, the world champion, was beaten in the first round here by Stuart Hailstone, a Scottish-registered South African.

Three-year strategy

EXECUTIVES of the World Squash Promoters Federation said yesterday that an announcement by the International Squash Players Association of an agreement for grand prix finals underwritten from 1991 by a German promoter was premature (Colin McQuillan writes).

"World promoters are well advanced with their own prospective sponsor for a three-year agreement, starting in December this year for at least $100,000 a year," Andrew Shelley, the executive director of the WSPF, said on reading the ISPA announcement in *The Times*.

He said: "We are very keen to proceed in partnership with the players, but I think ISPA should remember that without the events which our organization represents there can be no grand prix final."

SPORT FOR THE DISABLED

Raising funds with the aid of a flexible friend

By Jane Wyatt

THE British Sports Association for the Disabled (BSAD) has become the latest charity to try to benefit from the credit boom. The association, in conjunction with the Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI), has launched a "new financial package". In other words, a credit card.

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The picture on the card features Duncan Goodhew, an avid supporter of BSAD, watched by a wheelchair athlete, Julia Fernandez, aged 15, a student at the Lord Mayor Treloar College, Alton, Hampshire.

Age was no barrier at the Deerness Leisure Centre at Durham when Frank Davison, aged 71, from Newcastle, who has been bowling for 47 years, won the Group 2, wheelchair event.

Paul Mace, from Redditch (Group 1, wheelchair user with upper arm disorder), who is only 15, was voted bowler of the championship. He bowls from an electric wheelchair using guttering to place the bowl.

NETBALL

Five-team duel in play-offs

By Louise Taylor

THE month of May is play-off time. Just as footballers the length and breadth of England are preparing for a money-spinning version of Russian roulette, so are the five teams that find themselves competing for two vacancies in the second division of the PES English Counties League.

With South Staffordshire, who finished bottom, already relegated, Derbyshire, who finished one place above them, will attempt to defend their status at the Birmingham Sports Centre on Saturday by beating off the challenges posed by West Yorkshire, Nottinghamshire, Humberside and Mid-Hampshire, who finished as winners of the four regional divisions.

While there will be two winners in Birmingham, there were three in Nottingham last weekend at the finals of the national youth tournament, for teams playing at under-16, under-18 and under-21 level.

This competition, previously sponsored by Barclays Bank, is presently seeking a new backer.

At under-16 level, Turnford, of Hertfordshire, beat Birmingham Athletic Institute 9-8, with Hirondelles, of Surrey, and Sundale, from Sunderland, the losing semi-finalists.

The Manchester team, Ducie, took the under-18 event by beating Essex Wanderers 15-11. The Manchester YWCA and Kent County were the beaten teams at the semi-final stage.

In the under-21 tournament, Downs of Surrey, winners of the under-18 trophy for the past two years, beat New Campbell, from Essex, by 12-6 with Plades (Kent) and OPA (Essex) falling at the semi-final hurdle.

The Rivermead Leisure Centre in Reading staged the semi-finals of the national clubs' competition in which New Campbell beat Hirondelles 54-53 and Linden overcame Harbourne 49-36 in the match between two Birmingham teams. Linden and New Campbell will meet in the final in Manchester on May 12.

On the international stage, New Zealand have taken a 2-0 lead over Jamaica in the Milo series. The final match will be played tonight.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

UEFA Cup final
First leg
Juventus v Fiorentina (Turin, 6.30)..

Barclays League
First division
Arsenal v Southampton (7.45).....
Nottm Forest v Man Utd.....
Wimbledon v C Palace (7.45).....

Second division
Middlesbrough v Barnsley .....
West Ham v Leicester (7.45) .....

Third division
Brentford v Swansea (7.45).....
Bristol R v Bristol C (8.0)... .....
Tranmere v Northampton.....

GM Vauxhall Conference
Northwich v Boston ....

Bob Lord Trophy
Final, second leg
(First leg score in brackets)
Kidderminster (0) v Yeovil (3).....

Scottish B and Q League
Premier division
Celtic v Aberdeen (8.05) . . ..

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Aston Villa v Derby (7.0). Huddersfield v Oldham. Leeds v Manchester Utd (7.0): Newcastle v Bradford (7.0). Sheff Utd v Everton **Second division:** Bolton v Sunderland (7.0): Port Vale v West Bromch (7.0): Sheffield Wed v Rotherham (7.0). Wolverhampton v Wigan (7.0). York v Blackpool (7.0).

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Brighton v Tottenham (7.15): Fulham v Watford (2.0): Oxford Utd v Ipswich.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Caernarfon v Goole.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Westgate Insurance Cup: Final, second leg: *(First leg score in brackets).* VS Rugby (2) v Dartford (0). **Southern division:** Canterbury v Poole.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Leyland Motors v Chadderton.

WENDY FAIR LEAGUE: Gillingham v Wokingham. Leyton Orient v Colchester.

RUGBY UNION

WIMPEY HOMES LONDON FLOODLIT SEVENS TOURNAMENT (Rosslyn Park).

RUGBY LEAGUE

SHAUN JOHNSON CHARITY MATCH: St Helens v Pilkingtons-Thatto Heath BNFL. **League: First division:** Leigh Miners v Wigan St Patrick's. **Second division:** Leigh East v Saddleworth. **British Coal u-19 semi-finals:** Featherstone v Leigh; Wigan v St.Helens.

CRICKET

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Derby: Derbyshire v Northamptonshire. **Bristol:** Gloucestershire v Glamorgan. **Southampton:** Hampshire v Somerset: **Old Trafford:** Lancashire v Warwickshire: **Leicester:** Leicestershire v Sussex: **Elland:** Yorkshire v Nottinghamshire

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: George Wimpey ABA finals (Albert Hall)

SNOOKER: Matchroom League: Davis v Mountjoy (Reading)

SPEEDWAY: Sunbrite League. Coventry v Cradley Heath. National League Glasgow v Stoke: Long Eaton v Newcastle. Wimbledon v Berwick (7.45).

TENNIS: Hi-Tec spring satellite tournament (Lee on Solent)

SPORT ON TV

BASEBALL: Screensport 7.30-9am and 4.15-6pm· Highlights of Cincinnati v Philadelphia and San Francisco v San Diego.

BOXING: Screensport 6-7.30pm: Professional event from the United States: **Eurosport** 7-8pm· World championship highlights.

FOOTBALL: Screensport 7-7.30am: Spanish league: **Eurosport** 10pm-midnight. **UEFA Cup: Final, first leg.**

GOLF: Screensport 7.30-9.30pm: US PGA: Highlights from New Orleans

ICE HOCKEY: Eurosport 8.30-11am, 1-3.30pm and 5-7pm: World championship from Switzerland: **Screensport** 12.30-2.30pm: National Hockey League.

MIDWEEK SPORTS SPECIAL: ITV 10.40pm-midnight. **Football:** Highlights of the Barclays League, and UEFA Cup Final, first leg: Juventus v Fiorenta from Turin.

MOTORSPORT: Screensport 11.30am-12.30pm and 12-1am (tomorrow): Highlights of the Indy Cart series from Long Beach and **Formula 3,000** from Donnington Park: **Eurosport** 3.30-4.30pm: British and German Formula Three championship.

POWERSPORTS INTERNATIONAL: Screensport 11pm-midnight.

RACING: BBC2 2.15-3.55pm: 2.30, 3.05 and 3.40 from Ascot.

RALLYCROSS: Screensport 9.30-11pm: Highlights from Lydden Hill.

RUGBY LEAGUE: Screensport 9-10.30am and 2.30-4.15pm. Highlights of Wigan v Leigh and the French Cup.

SPORTSNIGHT: BBC1 10.25pm-12.05am· **Football:** Highlights of the UEFA Cup Final, first leg: Juventus v Fiorentia from Turin **Boxing:** Highlights of the ABA national championships from the Albert Hall

TRANS WORLD SPORT: Eurosport 7-8pm. Sport from around the world.

UPDATE: Screensport 7.30pm

VOLLEYBALL: Eurosport 11am-1pm: World challenge from Yokohama, Japan.

Greaves offers a welcome acid drop

THE WEEK IN REVIEW

REX BELLAMY, former Tennis Correspondent of The Times, *gives his appraisal of the weekend's sport on television.*

THE Scots continue to take over what used to be a Sassenach empire. Managing football clubs, leading trades unions, and forecasting the weather was not enough for them. In eight days two rawboned representatives of the breed won the London marathon and the Embassy world snooker championship (are there other world championships?).

Snooker is ideal for television and, as usual, made pleasant viewing. This is a game even athletic under-achievers can play. Everyone can identify with the experts. The clear-cut tactical patterns, within a confined area, are so easy to follow that there is little need for explanatory comment: and the commentators, to their credit, do not go out of their way to make an easy job difficult.

Most of the time, we were permitted to watch the game in a silence broken only by the click of the balls and the voice of the marker calling the score. The ambience was as ritualistic as that of a church service. The commentators, mute unless they had something to say, were confidential, almost reverential, in their pointed but sparing asides. They could hardly have done the job better.

As for the precocious new champion, Stephen Hendry, his judgement of length in playing to the baulk cushion during the final (BBC2, Sunday) showed a touch that flirted with the uncanny. Hendry would be hot stuff with a putter. But does he play golf? We learn little from television about the personalities and recreational preferences of the celebrities.

This failure to bring the players alive as people also came to mind during the Silk Cut Challenge Cup final (BBC1, Saturday) and the Littlewoods Cup final (ITV, Sunday). In rugby league and football in turn, the commentators took the familiar line that viewers were interested in the play — which was visible anyway — but not in the players. Nor was there much humour, except from Jimmy Greaves.

Those minor reservations aside, the speaking teams were difficult to fault. But one probably had to be familiar with the Northern character and speech patterns to feel at ease with the rugby league men, Ray French and Alex Murphy; and they made no concessions to the uncommitted.

We feel insulted if commentators assume we know nothing, but frustrated if they assume we know everything. French and Murphy reminded me of the joke about a spectator's applause during a Roses cricket match. Having established that the enthusiast had no allegiance to either Lancashire or Yorkshire, a neighbour told him: "Then shut up. This has got nowt to do with thee."

Even so, French and Murphy were infectiously enthusiastic and their commentary — more a stream of consciousness — was down to earth and edifying. They knew their stuff. They knew what the "lads" could and should do. There were no affectations. Except for sporadic banalities, they did not waste words.

The football men, Greaves and Brian Moore, were so bland and facile that one took their professionalism for granted. Moore identified the players as he barked us crisply through the action. Greaves had a laid-back, reassuring manner and other commentators (in tennis, for example) could learn from his wit and his sporadic, telling use of acid.

The women's FA Cup final (Channel 4, Sunday) wrapped up an uncritical, too fragmented promotional package for women's football, which deserved sharper treatment. The producers tried to do too much. The episodes of play lacked continuity because of an excess of tame intervening interviews and shots of puerile goings-on in coach or dressing-room. One yearned for a Greaves to give his gut reactions.

Whether such a bruising game is healthy for young women is open to question. But the freedom to take risks is essential to our society. And football does not invite a comment my wife made about rugby league: "It's nothing but punishment. You need to be made of concrete to play a game like this."

Sasaki to strengthen Derby claims

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

IN THE absence of the suspended Walter Swinburn, Steve Cauthen will ride Sasaki, whose name features very prominently in ante-post betting on the Derby, in the White Rose Stakes at Ascot this afternoon.

When discussing this half-brother to Shearwalk, who finished third in Teenoso's Derby, Michael Stoute, his trainer, has always said that, following a bloodless coup at Leicester last autumn, Sasaki's second race would be much more informative and that he would not even contemplate running him until the moment was right. This then is the occasion.

As far as today's opposition is concerned, Stoute will have been heartened by two happenings at Sandown over the weekend. Firstly, Farm Street's Wood Ditton Stakes form began to look vulnerable after Tamono Dancer, the winner, had been eclipsed by Saumarez.

Then Karinga Bay, the conqueror of Marquetry at Newbury last August, finished a long way behind Rock Hopper, Sasaki's stable companion, in the classic trial on Saturday.

Bearing those points in mind, Sasaki must win today's race and win it well if he is to maintain his position in the Derby market. I take him to do just that.

Willie Jarvis: trains the speedy Grey Rooster

In going for Glacial Storm to win the Insulpak Sagaro EBF Stakes, I am unswayed by the fact that John Hammond, his English-born but Chantilly-based trainer, has deemed it worth their while making the crossing from France.

When trained at Manton by Barry Hills, Glacial Storm was a good horse, being placed in both the Derby and Irish Derby. As a four-year-old, he did not win but nevertheless ran well on most occasions.

Given the right race conditions and a change of scenery, Glacial Storm duly came good at Longchamp last month when he won the Prix de Barbeville. In that sort of form, he should be capable of giving weight to both Double Dutch and Teamster, who are both basically handicappers, albeit good ones.

In the Insulpak Victoria Cup, none boasts a better chance than Hard To Figure following that easy win over the same distance at Epsom last week. His West Country trainer, Ron Hodges, is the first to agree that, after winning by five lengths there, it is better to go for today's lottery with a 6lb penalty rather than wait to be reassessed.

Interestingly that was Hard To Figure's first attempt at today's distance. It proved a resounding success after a career basically spent sprinting.

It is to the sprinters, albeit the younger ones, that I turn for today's best bet and to Grey Rooster in particular, who is napped to win the Garter Graduation Stakes.

At Newmarket a fortnight ago the Heath was buzzing with the information that the Willie Jarvis-trained two-year-old had looked a certain early winner in his preparatory work. And so it proved.

Despite running green, Grey Rooster still beat Democratic more comfortably than the judge's verdict of a length might have indicated. At Sandown last Saturday, the runner-up did not let the form down when a very close third to Lear Leader.

Even on worse terms, I take Grey Rooster to beat Sylva Honda, who finished third behind him at Newmarket, along with the three other previous winners in the field.

On the jumping front at Cheltenham, I particularly like the look of Darc Hansel's chance in the Audi Parts and Service Hunter Chase.

Ascertalmoor to frank Times chance

By Brian Beel

POINT-TO-POINT enthusiasts will flock to Cheltenham this evening for the all hunter chase card, a meeting which traditionally favours the bookmaker.

Over the last 10 years, favourites have had a very poor record here but it will be surprising if Toffee Apple does not get backers off to a winning start in the Belstaff Novices' Hunter Chase.

He has run consistently well this season and is by far the most experienced of this field over the stiffer fences.

Sweet Rascal has won at the corresponding meeting for the last two years and has Brockhill Boy and Border Sun as his main opponents in the Champagne Pipe Heidsieck United Hunts Cup.

As Brockhill Boy is unproven on firm going and Border Sun disappointed in the Lady Dudley Cup, Sweet Rascal, despite his lacklustre performance last time at Chepstow, is given the vote.

After his success in the four-mile race at the Heythrop a month ago, another of last year's winners at this meeting, Polar Glen, has surprisingly been nominated for the shorter of two possible engagements tonight, the Audi Champion Hunter Chase. His task will not be easy with Edenspring and course winner, John Sam, in the line-up but he could represent the best value.

The Audi Grand Prix de Chasse is the most competitive race on the card. Beech Grove should go well but Ascertalmoor, a leading contender for The Times Championship Final at Towcester later this month, is as good as any.

Tartevie is again travelling from Northumberland to contest the Audi Parts and Service Hunter Chase, over four miles, a race which he won last year. Lynwood Lad may prove the danger.

In the two-mile Overbury Hunter Chase, True Bloom has twice had his chance in previous years and not taken it. The Ascot winner, Buckhorn, is my idea of the banker bet of the evening.

Field day for Eddery with Bath five-timer

Pat Eddery produced the outstanding riding performance of the season at Bath yesterday when landing a 354-1 five-timer.

The champion jockey won the last five races on Guy Harwood's Stereo, the Barry Hills pair, Rectillon and Further Flight, northern raider Foursingh, and El Volador, trained by Mick Channon.

It was only the second time in Eddery's long career that he has ridden five winners at a meeting.

Ian Balding, top trainer at the Somerset track, had three of his fancied runners overturned by Eddery, including Pay Homage, the 3-1 on favourite for the Hodcott Maiden Stakes.

Eddery, riding Foursingh for Jack Berry, made sure he had pole position on the rails and got up on the line to beat John Matthias on Pay Homage.

Eddery foiled the attempt of Balding's Crystal Spirit to win from the front in the Blathwayt Maiden Stakes, driving Stereo into the lead a furlong out for a half-length success.

The Irishman employed similar tactics on Rectillon in the Somerset Handicap, the Barry Hills-trained colt beating Balding's Kings Shilling by three lengths.

Strong English challenge for Phoenix sprint

ENGLISH sprinters should dominate the Topaz Sprint Stakes, a listed race over five furlongs, at Phoenix Park tonight (Our Irish Racing Correspondent writes).

The Richard Hannon-trained Duck And Dive, winner of the Privy Councillor Stakes at Folkestone a month ago, is opposed by Mark Usher's Paley Prince, who finished fourth to Carol's Treasure at Haydock Park and who is favoured by the weights here.

Noble Match, winner of a Newbury handicap first time out this season, also contests the Ir£15,000 contest.

Her trainer, Ian Balding, also runs Skazka in the 1¼-mile EBF Coral Stakes, another listed race of similar value, but she is unlikely to be able to match strides with the Irish Lincolnshire winner, Clelamour.

Carson undecided over Guineas ride after Rami gallop

By Christopher Goulding

RAMI was confirmed a definite runner in the General Accident 2,000 Guineas after pleasing connections on Peter Walwyn's Lambourn gallops yesterday.

Ridden by Willie Carson, the Riverman colt worked well with Hateel and Muwfiq, leaving the Scot with a difficult choice between Rami and the Dick Hern-trained Elmaamul for Saturday's classic.

"He will certainly run after that," Angus Gold, Hamdan Al-Maktoum's, racing manager, said. "We cannot finalize riding arrangements until Willie has made up his mind but Michael Roberts is on stand-by to ride the one which Willie rejects."

Corals reacted to yesterday's gallop by reintroducing Rami into their list at 25-1. Rock City was again supported from 16-1 to 14-1 with the same firm. Ladbrokes keep Rami at 25-1 but pushed out Carson's alternative mount to that price from 20-1.

Corals also had money for the Ian Balding-trained Dashing Blade, the winner of last season's Dewhurst Stakes. He was laid to lose over £50,000 and is now a 20-1 chance from 33-1. Ladbrokes also report further interest in Pat Eddery's mount Now Listen, backed from 7-1 to 13-2.

France's two 2,000 Guineas challengers, Machiavellian and Septième Ciel, both worked well on the Piste des Reservoirs at Chantilly yesterday.

Machiavellian outpaced his regular working companion, Robin Des Bois, in a seven-furlong workout, leaving François Boutin more than pleased with the 13-8 favourite.

Criquette Head worked Septième Ciel over seven furlongs with Funambule, her runner in Sunday's French 2,000 Guineas, the pair finishing upsides. Mme Head believes Machiavellian is the one her colt has to beat at Newmarket.

Cauthen makes wrong choice

STEVE Cauthen made a rare error of judgement when electing to partner Mesleh for John Gosden in the Oval Maiden Stakes at Nottingham yesterday instead of riding Admiral Byng for Henry Cecil.

Admiral Byng, ridden by Paul Eddery, led all the way to beat Cauthen's mount, the 11-4 on favourite, by 2½ lengths. David Eddery, racing manager for Admiral Byng's owner, Charles St George, said: "Steve thought ours was a bit immature. So he plumped for Mesleh."

Sole Longchamp raider

TWELVE of the 20 acceptors for Sunday's Dubai Poule d'Essai des Poulains (French 2,000 Guineas) at Longchamp are English-trained but Book The Band, the mount of Steve Cauthen, is the only definite runner (Our French Racing Correspondent writes).

The acceptors include five Guy Harwood-trained horses, who should already have been scratched, and the remainder are intended runners in Saturday's 2,000 Guineas. Machiavellian and Septième Ciel, bound for Newmarket, have also been left in as a precaution.

With a small field at Longchamp guaranteed, François Boutin has an excellent chance of completing a 2,000 Guineas double with Linamix, who beat Septième Ciel and Jade Robbery at Longchamp last month.

Talks on whips issue

MORE than 20 National Hunt jockeys met Jockey Club officials before racing at Ascot last night for an exchange of views on the whips issue.

"It was a useful exercise," said David Pipe, the Jockey Club's public relations officer. "The jockeys are not seeking changes in the Rules regarding use of the whip, but wish to discuss various points, centring on the flexibility and consistency of the Jockey Club instructions. They also felt the stewards might be influenced by public opinion."

Flat jockeys will have their say when they meet Jockey Club representatives at Newmarket tomorrow.

ASCOT

Selections

By Mandarin

2.00 Azadeh.
2.30 Glacial Storm.
3.05 Sasaki.
3.40 Hard To Figure.
4.10 GREY ROOSTER (nap).
4.40 Carmagnole.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.00 —
2.30 Teamster.
3.05 Sasaki.
3.40 Rose Glen.
4.10 GREY ROOSTER (nap).
4.40 Dollar Seeker.

By Michael Seely

2.30 Glacial Storm. 3.40 HARD TO FIGURE (nap). 4.10 Grey Rooster.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.40 HARD TO FIGURE.

Going: good to firm **Draw: 5f-1m straight, low numbers best**

2.0 INSULPAK STAKES (Graduation race: 3-Y-O fillies: £8,382: 1m str) (5 runners)

101 (2) 1- AZADEH 176 (D,F) (J Brody) G Harwood 9-3 ..... R Cochrane ● 99
102 (5) 33-1 SAMSOVA 13 (D,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) I Balding 9-3 ..... J Matthias 93
103 (1) ALYANAABI (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-11 ..... W Carson —
104 (4) 6- ORIENTAL MYSTIQUE 186 (R Sangster) B Hills 8-11 ..... M Hills 81
105 (3) 3 RIVER NOMAD 11 (F Salman) P Cole 8-11 ..... T Quinn 86

BETTING: 4-5 Azadeh, 4-1 River Nomad, 6-1 Oriental Mystique, 7-1 Samsova, 10-1 Alyanaabi.
1989: CHOUCHOUNOVA 9-3 M Hills (25-1) H Cecil 9 ran

FORM FOCUS AZADEH despite running green ran out a comfortable 5l winner from Hidden in a 15-runner maiden at Leicester (1m, good to firm) on her only start last season. She could have easily doubled the winning distance and is open to plenty of improvement.
SAMSOVA made a winning reappearance when running on strongly to beat Skipper To Edge 8l in a 24-runner maiden at Ayr (1m, heavy). ALYANAABI is a $250,000 daughter of Roberto and is a half-sister to fairly useful My Noble Lord as well as several other winners.
ORIENTAL MYSTIQUE showed plenty of promise when 9¾l 6th of 24 to leading 1,000 Guineas fancy Heart Of Joy in a 24-runner maiden at Newbury (6f, soft).
RIVER NOMAD was well backed for her debut when a head and 1l 3rd to Pressure at Newbury (7f, good). She looks certain to have benefited for the run and will be suited by the extra furlong.
Selection: AZADEH

2.30 INSULPAK SAGARO EBF STAKES (Group III: £30,840: 2m) (7 runners) BBC2

201 (3) 24454-1 GLACIAL STORM 34 (F,G) (D Thompson) J Hammond (Fr) 5-9-0 ..... J Reid ● 99
202 (5) 41102-0 THETHINGABOUTITTS 11 (CD,F,G,S) (Double Ltd) D Elsworth 5-8-11 ..... S Cauthen 81
203 (4) 61620-5 COSSACK GUARD 14 (G) (Sheikh Mohammed) C Brittain 4-8-8 ..... M Roberts 87
204 (2) 3114-62 DOUBLE DUTCH 18 (CD,F,G,S) (L Fuller) Miss B Sanders 6-8-6 ..... W Newnes 94
205 (1) 212/442- PRIME DISPLAY 173 (S) (F Jenkins) P Cole 4-8-6 ..... T Quinn 76
206 (7) 01210-4 TEAMSTER 18 (F,S) (P Newton) M Stoute 4-8-6 ..... Pat Eddery 83
207 (6) 11633-0 ECRAN 12 (F) (Sir Robin McAlpine) J Dunlop 4-8-5 ..... W Carson 81

BETTING: 5-2 Double Dutch, 7-2 Teamster, 4-1 Glacial Storm, 6-1 Cossack Guard, 8-1 Thethingaboutits, 12-1 Prime Display, 25-1 Ecran.
1989: TRAVEL MYSTERY 6-8-6 R Cochrane (8-1) M Pipe 10 ran

FORM FOCUS GLACIAL STORM made a winning reappearance with a nose success from Turgeon in a 7-runner Group III race at Longchamp (1m 7f 110yd, firm). He was placed in the 1988 Derby and Irish equivalent but disappointed last season.
THETHINGABOUTITTS 6l 2nd to Weld in a 3-runner Group III race at Doncaster (2m 2f, good) on his penultimate start with ECRAN (1lb better off) 4l last; latest 29l 8th of 11 to Brush Aside at Newbury (1m 4f, good).
COSSAK GUARD 5¼l 5th of 9 to Noble Savage in a handicap at Newmarket (1m 6f, good to firm) on seasonal debut. Best effort last season when a neck 2nd to Brashee in a 16-runner handicap at Newbury (1m 5f 60yd, good) on penultimate start. DOUBLE DUTCH 2¾l 2nd of 15 to Drumhead in a handicap at Kempton (2m, good to firm) with TEAMSTER (6lb worse off) 5¼l 4th. PRIME DISPLAY 2½l 2nd to Trojan River in a 13 runner event at Redcar (1m 6f, good).
Selection: DOUBLE DUTCH

3.5 WHITE ROSE STAKES (3-Y-O: £9,050: 1m 2f) (5 runners) BBC2

301 (5) 12- MARQUETRY 264 (F) (K Abdulla) G Harwood 9-0 ..... Pat Eddery 95
302 (1) 1- SASAKI 197 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 9-0 ..... S Cauthen 90
303 (4) 62161-1 STARSTREAK 14 (F,S) (Skelcoots Ltd) M Johnston 9-0 ..... T Quinn ● 99
304 (3) 3 FARM STREET 14 (BF) (L Salman) P Walwyn 8-9 ..... W Carson 92
305 (2) 0-2 NUSAKAN 37 (Mrs V Gaucci dei Boni) C Brittain 8-9 ..... M Roberts 86

BETTING: 4-7 Sasaki, 7-2 Marquetry, 5-1 Farm Street, 16-1 Starstreak, 20-1 Nusakan.
1989: ZALAZL 9-7 S Cauthen (11-8) H Cecil 5 ran

FORM FOCUS MARQUETRY made a winning debut with a 1l success from Courtesy Title in a 12-runner maiden at Salisbury (7f, good to firm) and was not disgraced in finishing 1l 2nd to Karinga Bay in a Listed race at Newbury (7f, good) on his only subsequent start.
SASAKI, current second favourite for the Derby, shaped like a potentially top-class performer when beating Sashtal 5l in a 10-runner maiden at Leicester (7f, firm). STARSTREAK recorded his second success of the season when beating Ysedlous 1l in a 17-runner race at Leicester (7f, good to firm); latest ¾l defeat of Broughton Bay at Ayr (1m, heavy).
FARM STREET shaped with promise when 3l 3rd of 15 to Tamono Dancer in a typically competitive maiden at Newmarket (1m, good to firm) on reappearance. NUSAKAN ½l 2nd of 13 to Gay Glint in a 13-runner maiden at Leicester (1m 2f).
Selection: SASAKI

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
W O'Gorman	4	16	25.0
G Harwood	32	137	23.4
M Stoute	40	179	22.3
R Akehurst	8	36	22.2
J Dunlop	21	122	17.2
D Elsworth	12	78	15.4

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
Pat Eddery	59	289	20.4
Dale Gibson	6	30	20.0
S Cauthen	49	250	19.6
L Dettori	5	30	16.7
W Carson	38	250	15.2
R Cochrane	17	152	11.2

Guide to our in-line racecard

1 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 ..... B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F – fell. P – pulled up. U – unseated rider. B – brought down. S – slipped up. R – refused. D – disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: F if flat. (B – blinkers. V – visor. H – hood. E – Eyeshield. C – course winner. D – distance winner. CD – course and distance winner. BF – beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F – firm, good to firm, hard. G – good. S – soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.40 INSULPAK VICTORIA CUP (Handicap: £16,570: 7f) (19 runners) BBC2

401 (2) 1143 NUCLEON 11 (B) (P Milner) W O'Gorman 4-10-0 ..... A Munro 87
402 (16) 022-503 BREEZED WELL 11 (D,F,G) (Shadowfax Racing) C Allen 4-9-6 ..... M Tebbutt 91
403 (19) 111/600- LOMAX 208 (B,D,F,S) (K Abdulla) G Harwood 4-9-3 ..... Pat Eddery 89
404 (5) 231/10-5 FACT FINDER 38 (C,G,S) (A Spence) R Akehurst 6-9-2 ..... S Cauthen 91
405 (1) 620664- HEROES SASH 214 (G) (N Jones) R Guest 5-9-2 ..... Paul Eddery 85
406 (12) 4246-34 PARLIAMENT PIECE 11 (D,F) (G Farndon) R Whitaker 4-9-0 ..... L Dettori 89
407 (8) 2040-60 ROSE GLEN 11 (B,D,G) (D Furlong) A Bailey 4-8-12 ..... G Carter 87
408 (4) 014536- BOURNVILLE 195 (D,G) (Mrs B Lee) D Arbuthnot 4-8-10 ..... M Hills 86
409 (6) 113-631 HARD TO FIGURE 8 (D,F,G) (J Murrell) R Hodges 4-8-10 (6ex) ..... W Carson ● 99
410 (3) 0-14 SUPERBRAVE 14 (BF,F) (Mrs P Yong) J Etherington 4-8-8 ..... T Quinn 88
411 (11) 01555-1 ORIENTAL SPLENDOUR 6 (D,F,G) (Matthews) Miss S Hall 4-8-8 (5ex) N Connorton 96
412 (10) 0010-44 VANROY 8 (D,BF,F,G,S) (D Garrad) J Jenkins 6-8-7 ..... N Day 91
413 (9) 04360-1 HIGHEST PRAISE 16 (D,F,S) (Miss S Knight) D Morris 7-8-7 ..... W Ryan 91
414 (18) 03342-0 CAPE PIGEON 8 (E Gadsden) L Cottrell 5-8-5 ..... J Williams 89
415 (15) 4229-20 VILANIKA 11 (W Gredley) C Brittain 4-8-5 ..... M Roberts 92
416 (14) 53-6001 JUST JENNINGS 25 (B,D,F) (Mrs E Haydn Jones) D Haydn Jones 5-8-0 S Dawson 80
417 (13) 3600-00 DEEP REEF 8 (B,S) (Mrs M Rowe) B Millman 4-8-0 ..... G Hind (5) 89
418 (17) 14300-0 PROFIT A PRENDRE 8 (D,F,S) (P Thorne) D Wilson 6-7-9 ..... N Kennedy (7) 90
419 (7) 654244- TAKENHALL 222 (F,G) (C Pearman) M Fetherston-Godley 5-7-7 ..... N Adams 86

BETTING: 11-2 Hard To Figure, 7-1 Oriental Splendour, 8-1 Superbrave, 10-1 Breezed Well, Parliament Piece, 12-1 Fact Finder, Highest Praise, 14-1 Cape Pigeon, Lomax, Rose Glen, 16-1 Vilanika, Vanroy, Nucleon, 20-1 Takenhall, Bournville, 25-1 others.
1989: TOP DREAM 4-9-1 W R Swinburn (14-1) M Jarvis 23 ran

FORM FOCUS NUCLEON kept on well after being tapped for speed over 2f out to finish useful 2½l 3rd to Sharp N' Early at Thirsk (6f, firm). BREEZED WELL strong finishing 2¼l 3rd to Wessel Port in the Spring Cup at Newbury (1m, good) with PARLIAMENT PIECE (2lb better off) 1l 4th. ROSE GLEN (4lb better off) 4¾l 8th and VILANIKA 13th.
HEROES SASH creditable 1½l 4th to Runun on final start last term in valuable handicap over course and distance (good to firm). HARD TO FIGURE appeared well suited by step up in distance at Epsom (7f, good) when beating Sylvan Tempest 5l. VANROY (6lb better off) ½l 4th, CAPE PIGEON 8th, DEEP REEF 11th and PROFIT A PRENDRE 14th.
ORIENTAL SPLENDOUR easily defeated Smooth Flight 2½l on seasonal bow in Beverley handicap (7f 110yd, firm). HIGHEST PRAISE led close home to defeat Northern Printer ½l on reappearance in Newcastle handicap (7f, firm) with PARLIAMENT PIECE (7lb better off) 3l 3rd.
Selection: HARD TO FIGURE

4.10 GARTER STAKES (Graduation race: 2-Y-O: £7,245: 5f) (6 runners)

501 (2) 41 DON'T GIVE UP 27 (D,F) (R Bennett) R Bennett 9-4 ..... N Adams —
502 (6) 1 GREY ROOSTER 13 (D,G) (Kennet Valley Thoroughbreds Ltd) W Jarvis 9-4 J Reid —
503 (1) 1 LES ANIMAUX NUAGES 12 (D,G) (R Green Paintings) R Hannon 9-4 ..... Pat Eddery —
504 (3) 12 SOUTH CROFTY 32 (D,BF,F) (P Bonner) W O'Gorman 9-4 ..... A Munro —
505 (4) GENEROUS (F Salman) P Cole 8-12 ..... T Quinn —
506 (5) 3 SYLVA HONDA 13 (E Grimstead & Son Honda Ltd) C Brittain 8-12 ..... M Roberts —

BETTING: 7-4 Grey Rooster, 3-1 Les Animaux Nuages, 4-1 Sylva Honda, 11-2 Generous, 8-1 South Crofty, 25-1 Don't Give Up.
1989: PRINCESS TAURAN 8-13 R Cochrane (2-1 fav) J Scargill 6 ran

FORM FOCUS DON'T GIVE UP ran on best to defeat odds-on Fiebe 1½l in maiden auction event at Brighton (5f 66yd, firm). GREY ROOSTER justified favouritism in good style on Newmarket debut (5f, good) leading from halfway to quite comfortably defeat Democratic 1l with SYLVA HONDA (5lb better off) 1½l 3rd. Should improve further.
LES ANIMAUX NUAGES bids to emulate his sire, Primo Dominie, who won this event in 1984. Made rapid headway inside the distance to defeat Pay Homage a head on debut in Newbury maiden (5f, good). SOUTH CROFTY failed by ½l to concede 10lb to Godscharm at Beverley (5f, firm); previously defeated Beyond Our Reach 2l at Doncaster (5f, firm)
DON'T GIVE UP (same terms) 3l 4th.
GENEROUS (foaled 8 Feb), by Caerleon, is a half-brother to two winners, including the very useful Wedding Bouquet, a winner from 5f-7f.
Selection: GREY ROOSTER

4.40 CHOBHAM APPRENTICE STAKES (Handicap: £4,503: 1m 4f) (11 runners)

601 (8) 151015- CARMAGNOLE 39J (CD,F,S) (Mrs M W-Smyth) G Harwood 4-9-10 .. D Stather (5) 99
602 (4) 53/1 SULTAN'S SON 27 (F) (F Salman) P Cole 4-9-5 ..... A Simpson (8) 96
603 (10) 01320-5 MY CHIARA 8 (F) (J Pitt) M Usher 4-9-3 ..... M Marshall (3) 91
604 (9) 63123-5 LADY ROSANNA 16 (F,G,S) (A Cane) I Balding 5-8-12 ..... S O'Gorman (3) 95
605 (3) 303250 DOLLAR SEEKER 26 (B,F,S) (Mrs N-Hunt) A Bailey 6-8-11 Wendy McLaughlin (10) 89
606 (1) 1000-30 WATERLOW PARK 15 (D,F,G) (I Balding) I Balding 6-8-8 ..... F Arrowsmith (5) ● 99
607 (2) 0240-66 POLAR VISION 16 (R Berenson) C Elsey 4-8-4 ..... F Norton (5) 96
608 (7) 54520-0 TENDER TYPE 13 (D,F,G,S) (G Tufts) R Whitaker 7-8-3 ..... Dale Gibson 91
609 (6) 453110- KARBAJ 316 (F) (A Kingham) C Horgan 6-7-10 ..... G Hind 80
610 (11) 056-0 IBN ZAMAN 30 (V) (C McHugh) C Elsey 4-7-10 ..... S Wood 94
611 (5) 255/60 HIGHFIRE 7 (G Monahan) O O'Neill 8-7-7 ..... G Husband (3) —

Long handicap: Highfire 7-0.
BETTING: 7-2 Waterlow Park, 9-2 Carmagnole, 5-1 Sultan's Son, 6-1 Tender Type, 8-1 Lady Rosanna, My Chiara, 10-1 Polar Vision, 14-1 Ibn Zaman, 16-1 others.
1989: WISHLON 6-8-13 A Martinez (5-1) R Smyth 10 ran

FORM FOCUS CARMAGNOLE made all off just a 3lb lower mark to defeat Belmoredean 1l in a similar event over course and distance (good to firm) last September. SULTAN'S SON looks leniently treated on his handicap bow, not being punished to defeat Katie Jo (winner since) 2l on reappearance in apprentices' event at Brighton (1m 2f, firm).
MY CHIARA should step up on never nearer reappearance 7¾l 5th to Starlet at Epsom (1m 2f, good). WATERLOW PARK is back on a reasonable mark and would go close if reproducing reappearance 3l 3rd to Daring Times at Beverley (1m 2f, firm).
KARBAJ could find this trip short of his best after winning handicaps over 2m at Kempton and 2m 2f at Pontefract last term. On the latter course defeating Impunity 3l.
Selection: SULTAN'S SON (nap)

CHELTENHAM

Selections

By Mandarin

5.15 Moyspruit.
5.50 Brockhill Boy.
6.25 John Sam.
7.00 Bergen Baby.
7.35 Darc Hansel.
8.10 Buckhorn.

By Brian Beel

5.15 Toffee Apple.
5.50 Sweet Rascal.
6.25 Polar Glen.
7.00 Ascertalmoor.
7.35 Tartevie.
8.10 BUCKHORN (nap).

Going: good to firm (firm in places)

5.15 BELSTAFF NOVICES HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £2,022: 2m 4f) (12 runners)

1 4U26F3- FLYING-X-RAY 460 (D Parker) D Parker 11-12-0 ..... D Parker (7) 75
2 GODERSMISTAKE (R Lane) R Lane 7-12-0 ..... W Cauldwell (7) —
3 P06 KATES STAR 47 (W Caudwell) W Caudwell 10-12-0 ..... J Trice Rolph (7) —
4 5332/6-F LATE DELIVERY 72 (D Kench) D Kench 8-12-0 ..... S Burrough (7) —
5 5 METCALFE FLEET 25 (P Duckett) P Duckett 9-12-0 ..... C Campbell (7) —
6 P605P/ MITRE HOUSE 790 (Mrs A Price) Mrs A Price 10-12-0 ..... Mrs H Bissill (7) 87
7 -6222F/3- MOYSPRUIT 435 (Mrs H Bissill) W Bissill 11-12-0 ..... J Llewellyn (7) —
8 0U0PU-U RECTORY BOY 80 (B Llewellyn) B Llewellyn 7-12-0 ..... P Matthias (7) —
9 U- SPARKLING LORD 460 (B James) B James 12-12-0 ..... J Durkan (5) 92
10 4-63P22 TOFFEE APPLE 15 (S Pike) S Pike 7-12-0 ..... R Lawther (7) —
11 05P/ VALUED OPINION 728 (Mrs S Harbour) Mrs S Harbour 11-12-0 ..... R Ford (7) —
12 3UP SUNDAY CHAMPERS 58 (Mrs J Tice) Mrs J Tice 8-11-9 ..... J Wrathall (5) ● 99

BETTING: 6-4 Toffee Apple, 5-1 Rectory Boy, 6-1 Sunday Champers, 8-1 Moyspruit, 12-1 Late Delivery, Godersmistake, 16-1 others.
1989: SCOTCH ON THE ROCK 10-11-7 Miss J Pidgeon (7-1) G Pidgeon 19 ran

5.50 CHAMPAGNE PIPER HEIDSIECK UNITED HUNTS HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £2,364: 3m 1f) (6 runners)

1 54/2-B BORDER SUN 26 (P Deal) P Deal 12-12-3 ..... R Sweeting (7) 84
2 211U BROCKHILL BOY 11 (S) (E Wood) E Wood 8-12-3 ..... D Dando (7) 81
3 F/0-1 KINGS BILL 6 (D,F) (M Fear) M Fear 11-12-3 ..... T Mitchell (7) 84
4 18P0P-F MACNAB'S QUEST 15 (F,G) (Mrs J Young) Mrs J Young 12-12-3 ..... G Hetzner (7) —
5 606/P- UNCLES CHOICE 384 (Mrs A Price) Mrs A Price 7-12-3 ..... T Jones (7) 83
6 30/41-03 SWEET RASCAL 15 (CD,F,S) (M Clutterbuck) M Clutterbuck 11-11-12 ..... T Jones (7) —

BETTING: 9-4 Brockhill Boy, 5-2 Sweet Rascal, 3-1 Border Sun, 8-1 Macnab's Quest, 12-1 Kings Bill, 25-1 Uncles Choice.
1989: SWEET RASCAL 10-11-2 Mr T Jones (11-4) M Clutterbuck 8 ran

6.25 AUDI CHAMPION HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £3,817: 3m 2f) (7 runners)

1 5P1-1P1 EDENSPRING 18 (D,F,G,S) (C Lumsden) C Lumsden 11-12-2 ..... T Jackson (7) ● 99
2 25-431F FATHER BRADY 26 (C,F,S) (J Greenall) J Greenall 11-12-2 ..... J Greenall (3) 98
3 P611-05 OWEN DUFF 37 (F) (Miss M Furness) Miss M Furness 11-12-2 ..... P Johnson (7) 90
4 6312-54 POLAR GLEN 55 (C,F) (J Cullen) J Cullen 9-12-2 ..... M Felton (7) 78
5 41- BLOODHOUND 338 (D,F) (Mrs J French) Mrs J French 11-11-13 ..... Miss S French (7) 74
6 01/U1 JOHN SAM 13 (CD,F,S) (G Pentold) G Pentold 9-11-13 ..... Miss P Curling (7) 97
7 0FP00P- MAYANNCOR 333 (D,G,S) (Mrs J Munday) Mrs J Munday 12-11-10 ..... H Wheeler (7) —

BETTING: 7-4 John Sam, 3-1 Edenspring, 5-1 Father Brady, Polar Glen, Owen Duff, 14-1 Mayanncor, 25-1 Bloodhound.
1989: CONTRADEAL 12-11-1 Mr J Trice-Rolph (3-1) Mrs A Barclay 3 ran

7.0 AUDI GRAND PRIX DE CHASSE HUNTER CHASE FINAL (Amateurs: £3,850: 3m 1f) (11 runners)

1 60/PPP- KNOCK HARD 571 (G) (W Bryan) W Bryan 11-12-5 ..... W Bryan (7) —
2 1F2/ OFFICER'S GLORY 1449 (Mrs J Mayes) Mrs J Mayes 12-12-5 ..... T Mayes (7) —
3 0P/1U- SUIKERBOS 334 (F) (K Pritchard) K Pritchard 12-12-5 ..... T Jones (7) 87
4 ASCERTALMOOR (A Wardell) A Wardell 9-12-0 ..... A Wardell (7) —
5 4U0/000- BEECH GROVE 510 (S) (Miss C Gordon) Miss C Gordon 9-12-0 ..... M Felton (7) —
6 00PP/B0- BERGEN BABY 552 (W Barons) W Barons 9-12-0 ..... R Mills (7) —
7 645/2 FIBREGUIDE TECH 81 (BF) (Mrs T Kinsey) Mrs T Kinsey 7-12-0 ..... S Crank (7) ● 99
8 02/30-6 LISARDA 16 (G) (A Porter) A Porter 11-12-0 ..... G Godsell (7) —
9 56 MASTER HARDY 55 (P Hunt) P Hunt 11-12-0 ..... N Mitchell (7) —
10 UU/5 PARK SHADE 67 (R Mathew) R Mathew 11-12-0 ..... H Daly (7) —
11 5 SPECULATION 16 (M Gingell) M Gingell 8-12-0 ..... M Gingell (7) —

BETTING: 11-2 Beech Grove, 6-1 Master Hardy, Fibreguide Tech, 13-2 Ascertalmoor, 7-1 Suikerbos, Bergin Baby, 8-1 Officer's Glory, 10-1 Speculation, 16-1 others.
1989: POLAR GLEN 8-11-5 Mr A Tory (4-1) J Cullen 13 ran

7.35 AUDI PARTS AND SERVICE HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £3,158: 4m) (10 runners)

1 1530P2 PARISH RIGGED 16 (F,S) (D Bloor) D Bloor 12-12-7 ..... J Wrathall (5) 82
2 152-531 TARTEVIE 11 (CD,F,S) (Major M Sample) M Sample 12-12-7 ..... Maj M Sample (7) ● 99
3 53- CRUNCH 341 (C Marriott) C Marriott 9-12-0 ..... C Marriott (7) —
4 24U3/ DARC HANSEL 1174 (G,S) (Mrs J Daly) Mrs J Daly 12-12-0 ..... H Daly (7) —
5 54U/P6-5 EASY STEED 54 (F) (Major S Ellwood) S Ellwood 12-12-0 ..... Maj S Ellwood (7) —
6 314/ FREDDIE TEAL 1092 (S) (Mrs M Strawson) Mrs M Strawson 12-12-0 ..... P Strawson (7) —
7 2U-3 LOLLYS PATCH 16 (C Main) C Main 10-12-0 ..... C Main (7) 86
8 3303 LYNWOOD LAD 13 (G Price) G Price 9-12-0 ..... T Jones (7) 85
9 1/5P- NENNI 414 (F) (Mrs P Robertson) Mrs P Robertson 11-12-0 ..... R Ford (7) —
10 P45366 TRUE HOLLOW 13 (Mrs D Mitchell) Mrs P Pile 8-12-0 ..... J Trice Rolph (7) 70

BETTING: 11-4 Tartevie, 5-1 Lollys Patch, Lynwood Lad, Freddie Teal, 8-1 Darc Hansel, 10-1 Nenni, 12-1 Crunch, Parish Rigged, 16-1 others.
1989: TARTEVIE 11-11-8 Mr C Sample (11-2) N Athey 12 ran

8.10 OVERBURY HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £2,322: 2m) (7 runners)

1 122-132 TRUE BLOOM 16 (D,BF,S) (G Tarry) G Tarry 11-12-13 ..... G Tarry (7) 95
2 P3-1 BUCKHORN 21 (F) (R Buckler) R Buckler 11-12-10 ..... R Buckler (7) ● 99
3 451PP-6 RUDOLPH MOLE 16 (D,G) (Capt M Watson) M Watson 7-12-10 ..... Capt M Watson (7) 63
4 25-UP04 WALK IN RHYTHM 11 (S) (Mrs A Price) Mrs A Price 9-12-10 ..... S Blackwell (7) 76
5 0/5F/0 AROUND THE CLOCK 58 (D Shone) D Shone 9-12-6 ..... M Harris (7) —
6 6P63/P-2 SMALLWOOD WILLET 6 (T Swatfield) T Swatfield 10-12-6 ..... T Mitchell (7) 79
7 PRR YOUNG MURPHY 23 (T Lapping) T Lapping 8-12-6 ..... P Johnson (7) —

BETTING: 5-4 Buckhorn, 9-4 True Bloom, 8-1 Smallwood Willet, Walk In Rhythm, 20-1 Young Murphy, 25-1 others.
1989: DASHING FRED 6-11-7 Mr B Davidson (20-1) B Davidson 12 ran

● There are no course specialists at this evening's hunter chase meeting at Cheltenham

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Racist myths that refuse to go away

SUPERB physical specimens. Wonderful *natural* athletes. Land of Hope and Glory as the three black Brits take all three medals in the 200 metres at the Commonwealth Games: how perfectly splendid.

"You get very limited and very little racism within sport in this country," Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, said. "That's the beauty of sport." "There is no racism in our sport," Tony Ward, the spokesman for the British Amateur Athletics Board, said.

Sport has ever been the domain of Utopianists: people who believe that the perfect society already exists in miniature: in sport. Here, at last, we have life as it should be. Wars are waged without malice or murder; sport is an island of fairness in a unfair world; sport is the land of heroes where all men are brothers. No barriers of nation or race or social background disfigure the fair prospects of the bountiful land of sport; here is a freemasonry of excellence; a freemasonry of rancourless struggle; the land of shared efforts, shared pain, shared joy. God is in his heaven, and all is right with the world of sport.

The most powerful evidence for the Utopianist view is the number of black people who have achieved such great things for British sport. I learn from a television programme to be broadcast tonight, *Inside Story: the Race Game*, (BBC-1, 9.30), that 4 per cent of Brits are black, and that blacks make up 50 per cent of the national athletics squad and 25 per cent of the cricket and football teams.

The programme challenges with great force the smug notions these figures provide for the Utopianists. Professor Ellis Cashmore, of Aston University, gives a view of the same phenomenon: "Social deprivation breeds sporting prowess." He adds: "If you live in the ghetto and have blocked opportunities, and you don't see that you've got a chance in any other area of society, sport surfaces as the one area in which you just *might* make it. There is a glimmer of hope there — and you take it."

Sporting performances are quantifiable. This is most particularly true of track and field athletics. People argued for years that black footballers "lacked heart", but there is no arguing with stopwatches and tape measures. The world may be full of inequalities, but all men are equal once they get to the starting blocks.

Sporting excellence has, therefore, become a natural avenue of advancement for British, and for that matter, American blacks. Thus we have been asked to admire "natural athletes". Black people are "better equipped physically", we are told, for explosive running and jumping, for running enormous distances, for certain positions in football, for fast bowling, for boxing. What we are talking about is *natural* ability . . .

It is plain to see that all this is simply an updated version of "they gotta great sense of rhythm". However, as Cashmore points out, it is a myth that black people seem to have taken on board themselves: that they are physiologically better equipped for certain sports than are whites.

The tribute to black ability has a catch — as do all tributes from whites to blacks. The unspoken corollary to the theory of blacks' "natural ability" is that it involves a trade-off in abilities in other areas. History is full of instances of the replacement of one racist theory by another. The myths tend to be contradictory, but they always have the same conclusion: that blacks are inferior to whites.

Let us start with the obvious: Hitler said Aryan races were superior in every respect to other races. Jesse Owens famously gave the lie to that in the 1936 Olympic Games. A white victor would have proved white superiority, but a black victor *also* proved white superiority.

This is because physical prowess was reinterpreted as proof that blacks' physical — *animal* — nature ensures that they are less developed mentally; "lower on the Darwinian scale", as someone once expressed it to me at a charming dinner party, showing a complete failure to understand Darwin, as well as much else.

Men of science have shown the same tendencies as demotic racists. In 1890, it was "proved" that blacks were inferior to whites because whites retain the physiological traits of infancy more succesfully than do blacks.

By 1926, scientific opinion had changed. In that year, it was "proved" that blacks are inferior to whites . . . because whites do *not* retain infantile traits as much as do blacks. Different science, same conclusion.

Let me quote Stephen Jay Gould, professor of palaeontology at Harvard, and masterful writer on scientific subjects. "There is not now and there never has been any unambiguous evidence for genetic determination of traits that tempt us to make racist distinctions [difference between races in average values for brain size, intelligence, moral discernment and so on]. Yet this lack of evidence has not forestalled the expression of scientific opinion. We must therefore conclude that this expression is a political rather than a scientific act — and that scientists tend to behave in a conservative way by providing 'objectivity' for what society at large wants to hear."

The genetic fallacy has been dramatically expressed by another scientist, Richard Lewontin: if the holocaust occurs "and only the Xhosa people of the southern tip of Africa survived, the human species would still retain 80 per cent of its genetic variation."

All of which brings us back to sport. British blacks are not better than whites at sport because of some Darwinian law. They are simply people who have spectacularly inferior opportunities for seeking excellence in other fields of endeavour.

To quote Cashmore, from the programme, once again: "Sport is very much a litmus test, in the sense that when you see blacks succeeding in numbers in sport, it is usually a fairly reliable indicator that race relations are not going too well."

Racist myths are like dragons' teeth: when one myth is exploded another 10 take its place. Every myth is different: but always the conclusion is the same.

GOLF

Faldo will lead field in series of shoot-outs

By John Hennessy

NICK Faldo will head an impressive field in the inaugural round of the Oki Shoot-out series at Wentworth later this month.

The six other players involved on May 23 are Ian Woosnam, Bernhard Langer, Sandy Lyle, Ronan Rafferty and José-Maria Olazábal, plus the leader of the Volvo Order of Merit after the preceding event, the Belgian Open.

Severiano Ballesteros, a conspicuous absentee, is not in the field because he has decided against playing in the Volvo PGA Championship, which starts two days later at Wentworth.

According to the format of the series, the player with the highest score will drop out at each hole, beginning at the 13th. In the event of a tie, a single stroke, chosen by a PGA European Tour official, perhaps a bunker shot, a chip or a long putt, will be decisive, the farthest from the hole having to drop out.

The series, in this first season, will consist of six tournaments, ending with the NM English Open at The Belfry in August. After Wentworth, 10 players will take part in each shoot-out.

Little prize-money is involved, which suggests that wheels within wheels have been set in motion to attract a field of such quality. At Wentworth, indeed, where the top prize is £10,000, all money will go to charity.

The series, following a format imported from the United States, like most developments in European professional golf, will grow in successive years into "a major annual attraction on the golfing calendar", Oki, a Japanese communications company, promises.

CRICKET

Minor Counties set record but Parker is the match-winner

By Ivo Tennant

MARLOW (Sussex won toss): Sussex (2pts) beat Minor Counties by five wickets

MINOR Counties excelled themselves yesterday, reaching a total of 273 for two that was the highest they have ever made in the Benson and Hedges Cup. In normal circumstances, it would have been a winning score. Alas for them, Sussex batted supremely well.

Paul Parker played the crucial, if not the highest innings of the day, an undefeated 86 which included 12 fours. Quite properly, though, the gold award went not to him but to Malcolm Roberts, whose 121, containing 12 fours and a six, set the standard for others to follow on his home ground.

At tea, Sussex needed 168 off 30 overs. The asking rate had risen, if only marginally, but they had seven wickets in hand. These were not rabbits, either: they bat a long way down the order this season. Much of the Minor Counties bowling generated only military medium, and on a pitch as good as this, fractional errors in line and length could be exploited.

Parker lost Speight, chancing a run that was beyond even them, and for a while, Mack, a veteran cricketer if ever there was one, showed just why he is still selected at this level. He kept the ball short of a length and, until he came off, Sussex in check. He took the wickets of Lenham and Alan Wells.

Colin Wells went to a catch on the long-on boundary, and the electronic scoreboard packed up. At least the umpires had counts of the overs, if not the score. At any rate, since Parker was batting now about as well as he can, it scarcely mattered. He reached his half-century with eight fours off 72 balls, calculating with precision.

He particularly wants Sussex to excel in this competition, for they have not reached the quarter-final stages for several years. He chose to give Minor Counties the first innings, partly, no doubt, because his batsmen are proving to be adept at chasing large totals.

What happened was that a policeman playing only his second match for Minor Counties made the highest score for them in this competition. Roberts is aged 30, yet looked sound enough to have been given his chance long before now. Upright and technically correct, he, Brown and Folland forced Parker into trying seven bowlers — some of whom were decidedly occasional.

Gould was given three overs and Lenham a bowl — in fact he broke the opening partnership, having Brown held at deep square leg.

Roberts and Brown, the brother of the Middlesex batsman, made 118 for the first wicket in 33 overs; Roberts and Folland then put on 134 in the next 20. They played shots that some would not attempt before May was out: but then the pitch, the bone-hard outfield and the weather, were all behaving as if it was August. The Sussex batsmen had been given their cue.

MINOR COUNTIES

M J Roberts c Dodemaide b Clarke	121
G K Brown c Speight b Lenham	46
N A Folland not out	78
S Sharp not out	11
Extras (b 4, lb 7, w 6)	17
Total (2 wkts, 55 overs)	273

S G Plumb, T A Lester, S Greensword, A R Fothergill, M R Taylor, R C Green and A J Mack did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-118, 2-252.

BOWLING: Pigott 9-2-38-0; Dodemaide 11-0-52-0; C M Wells 9-1-30-0; Clarke 11-1-33-1; Hansford 11-0-70-0; Gould 3-0-18-0; Lenham 1-0-3-1.

SUSSEX

M J Lenham b Mack	37
†P Moores c Brown b Greensword	41
*P W G Parker not out	86
A P Wells c Fothergill b Mack	0
M P Speight run out	40
C M Wells c Taylor b Green	33
I J Gould not out	15
Extras (lb 17, w 3, nb 2)	22
Total (5 wkts, 51.4 overs)	274

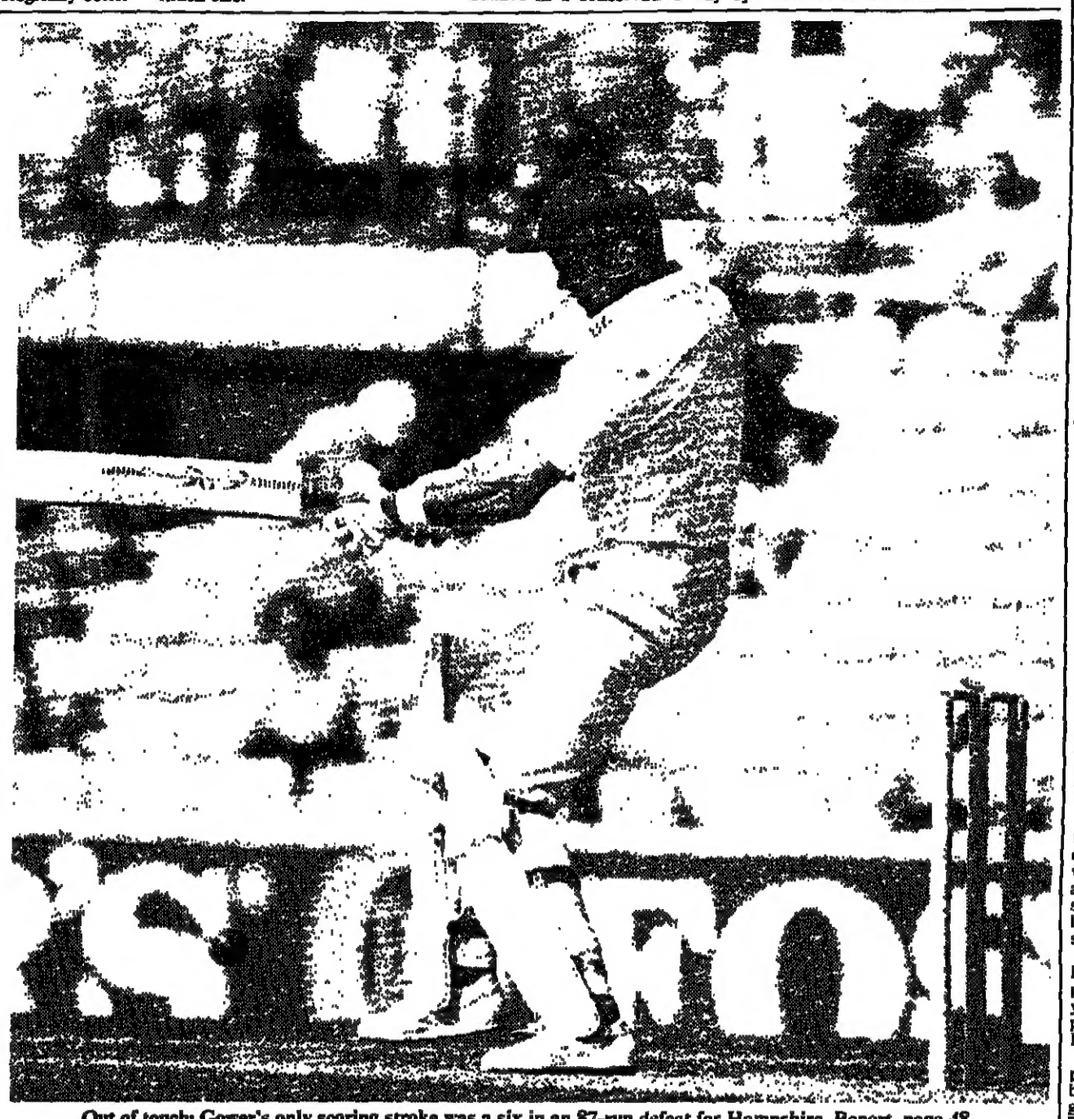
A I C Dodemaide, A C S Pigott, A R Clarke and A R Hansford did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-70, 2-106, 3-106, 4-177, 5-232.

BOWLING: Taylor 9-1-37-0; Green 10-4-51-1; Mack 11-2-35-2; Greensword 9-0-53-1; Plumb 9-0-54-0; Sharp 3-0-26-0.

Gold Award: M J Roberts.

Umpires: J W Holder and A A Jones.



Out of touch: Gower's only scoring stroke was a six in an 87-run defeat for Hampshire. Report, page 48

Concern at New Road pitch as Worcestershire ease home

By Richard Streeton

WORCESTER (Kent won toss): Worcestershire (2pts) beat Kent by 27 runs

RENEWED concern about pitches at New Road, sadly, seems inevitable after this group A Benson and Hedges Cup yesterday on a surface which was never ideal for a one-day match. Trevor Ward, who played a lone hand for Kent as he made 94, showed more aplomb than anyone else and won the gold award.

Kent were left to make 208 to win and Worcestershire completed a comfortable victory with six overs to spare. Worcestershire had an aggressive eighth-wicket stand of 56 in eight overs between Illingworth and Newport to thank for their own innings being rallied.

This was the first cricket to be played on the square since last autumn. It would be premature to be excessively critical of the conditions, bearing in mind the heavy winter flooding, which for three months left the ground resembling a lake.

Worcestershire have lent over backwards to remedy their problems, but the pitch hardly complied with the Test and County Cricket Board's new specifications. In colour it was green and yielded a measure of the lateral movement now considered undesirable: there was irregular bounce, with far too many balls lifting; and considering the recent dry spell, the turf was unexpectedly damp at the start.

The pattern of events was soon disclosed. Merrick three times rapped Rhodes on the right hand in his first two overs and was found to have fractured his right thumb, but he insisted on keeping.

A mixture of intended and involuntary strokes brought 59 runs in 15 overs before Hick drove loosely outside the off stump and was caught behind.

Neale fell in the last over before lunch to a diving catch by Hinks at backward point. Botham was fifth out at 130 when he swivelled round to hook Cowdrey and Ellison held a high catch at deep square-leg. Botham had batted responsibly for 28 overs.

Kent were quickly in trouble, with Dilley and Newport each taking two wickets in their first spells. Hinks, Taylor and Chris Cowdrey went to good slip catches. Graham Cowdrey was held by Rhodes.

Marsh was slow to start for a run and was beaten by Neale's throw from short third man. Ellison lingered until Dilley returned. Ward was ninth out.

WORCESTERSHIRE

T S Curtis lbw b Ealham	11
†S J Rhodes c G R Cowdrey b Ealham	8
G A Hick c Marsh b Ealham	41
I T Botham c Ellison b C S Cowdrey	37
*P A Neale c Hinks b C S Cowdrey	13
D B D'Oliveira c Marsh b Davis	7
S R Lampitt c Ward b Fleming	6
R K Illingworth not out	36
P J Newport c Ward b Ealham	28
N V Radford not out	1
Extras (lb 8, w 4, nb 7)	19
Total (8 wkts, 55 overs)	207

G R Dilley did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-19, 2-32, 3-91, 4-117, 5-130, 6-134, 7-147, 8-203.

BOWLING: Merrick 11-0-46-0; Ellison 6-2-14-0; Ealham 11-1-57-4; Fleming 9-1-27-1; Davis 11-1-36-1; C S Cowdrey 7-1-19-2.

KENT

S G Hinks c Hick b Dilley	1
N R Taylor c D'Oliveira b Dilley	8
T R Ward c Newport	94
*C S Cowdrey c Hick b Newport	6
G R Cowdrey c Rhodes b Newport	0
†S A Marsh run out	17
R M Ellison lbw b Dilley	12
M V Fleming c Radford b Lampitt	6
M A Ealham c Hick b Dilley	5
T A Merrick b Newport	14
R P Davis not out	0
Extras (lb 5, w 6, nb 6)	17
Total (49 overs)	180

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-12, 3-40, 4-46, 5-88, 6-120, 7-132, 8-141, 9-176.

BOWLING: Dilley 9-1-48-4; Radford 7-3-13-0; Newport 6-0-25-4; Lampitt 11-1-47-1; Illingworth 8-1-23-0; Botham 6-2-19-0.

Gold Award: T R Ward.

Umpires M J Kitchen and R A White.

Problems mount for Barlow

By Geoffrey Wheeler

PLAYED four, lost four is the **Gloucestershire** record under their new captain, Tony Wright, and manager, Eddie Barlow, following yesterday's defeat by nine runs against **Glamorgan** in the Benson and Hedges Cup match at Cardiff, which leaves them with little chance of qualifying for the quarter-finals.

Gloucestershire bowled tidily enough, to restrict Glamorgan to 219 for nine after they had been 157 for two just before lunch, but had no batsman to match the home captain, Alan Butcher, whose innings of 95 gave his side a total which proved just sufficient in the face of a late flourish from Russell.

There was new record match aggregate for the competition of 613 at Taunton, where **Somerset**, despite piling up 310 for three, Hardy making 119 and Rose 64 from 46 balls, scrambled home by a mere seven runs against **Derbyshire**.

Nottinghamshire, the holders, dismissed the first four **Leicestershire** batsmen inside the first hour at Trent Bridge as Leicestershire reached 164 for eight. The Nottinghamshire captain, Tim Robinson, had to bat despite injury to guide his side home.

Lancashire breathe sigh of relief after close encounter

By Jack Bailey

FENNER'S (Combined Universities won toss): Lancashire beat Combined Universities by 22 runs

THE Combined Universities are not without stature in this competition, and there are counties around who will vouch for that following their escapades last season. There was more than a sigh of relief from Lancashire when they emerged the victors yesterday. They knew they had been in a fight.

They also knew that Worcestershire's Tolley and Crawley, the universities' captain, had brought them close to defeat with two fine innings, after Lancashire had been limited to the marginal total of 209 for five.

Indeed, had not Austin and Atherton cut loose at the end of Lancashire's innings, to the tune of 47 runs from the last five overs, the result would almost certainly have been different.

As it was, Tolley's valiant 77 from 109 balls failed to prevent Lancashire's second win in two Benson and Hedges matches, but it did bring him the gold award from Trevor Bailey.

All in all, Universities had performed creditably in the field to restrict Lancashire. Had it not been for Austin's belligerence, they would have fallen well short of the 200 mark. The door would have been wide open instead of merely ajar.

Austin scored twice as fast as Atherton, who had natural misgivings about failing at Fenners against the side he captained last year.

More importantly, he came in at a time when the Lancashire men were wearing worried frowns and when the fall of another wicket could have caused panic in the ranks.

Van der Merwe's economical opening spell had brought him the wickets of Fowler and Mendis but, what had done most to frustrate these two and the free-scoring Fairbrother, was the thoughtful medium pace of Crawley, who reeled off his 11 overs for only 18 runs and the useful wicket of Watkinson.

Boiling, the Durham off-spinner, also struck a vital blow when he clung on to a sharp return catch from DeFreitas, and Lancashire were 96 for five.

It was in this context that, when he reached 50, Atherton had made 40 in singles, the other 10 in twos. Austin's rugged innings, by contrast, contained a six and five fours. But whether his bludgeoning had been enough was open to question.

It remained that way when, despite a wretched start — James departing to a snorting slip catch by Allott off the second ball of the innings — Tolley and Crawley kept the Universities only a pace or two behind the asking rate.

LANCASHIRE

G D Mendis c James b Van der Merwe	5
G Fowler c James b Van der Merwe	16
M A Atherton not out	69
N H Fairbrother c Turner b Dale	25
M Watkinson lbw b Crawley	3
P A J DeFreitas c and b Boiling	12
I D Austin not out	61
Extras (lb 8, w 7)	15
Total (5 wkts, 55 overs)	209

*D P Hughes, †W K Hegg, P J W Allott and B P Patterson did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-26, 3-65, 4-74, 5-96, 64-5.

BOWLING: Van der Merwe 10-4-42-2; Colley 8-1-26-0; Crawley 11-3-18-1; Dale 8-1-21-1; Boiling 8-0-37-1; Smith 10-0-57-0.

COMBINED UNIVERSITIES

S P James c Allott b Patterson	0
N V Knight c Hegg b Austin	9
*M A Crawley c Fairbrother b Watkinson	46
C M Tolley lbw b Allott	77
J I Longley run out	4
A Dale c Mendis b Allott	2
J C M Atkinson c Hughes b Allott	10
†R J Turner not out	12
W H van der Merwe b DeFreitas	10
M Smith not out	4
Extras (b 1, lb 8, w 4)	13
Total (8 wkts, 55 overs)	187

J Boiling did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-22, 3-114, 4-126, 5-154, 6-159, 7-161, 8-180.

BOWLING: Patterson 11-3-24-1; Allott 11-3-23-2; Austin 11-1-42-1; Defreitas 11-0-38-1; Watkinson 11-0-51-2.

Gold Award: C M Tolley.

Umpires: D J Constant and K Lyons.

CYCLING

Jones is to miss tour after crash

By Peter Bryan

MANDY Jones, the last British women's world road race champion, yesterday withdrew from the national team competing in the 10-day Tour de L'Aude, which starts in Carcassonne, France, today. She was injured in a crash on Sunday, and had 12 stitches in her right thigh.

Jones, who won the world title in 1982, was brought down during a race in Shropshire, when Kim Staff appeared to hit a large stone and fell. "Kim's saddle was ripped and my right leg was impaled on the steel support," she said.

The Tour de L'Aude was to have been Jones's first important international for five years in an ambitious comeback programme. She last rode in the French race eight years ago.

Jones will be out of competition for at least two weeks but hopes to be fit enough to gain selection for the women's Tour of Italy, which starts on June 14.

The five-strong British team for France consists of Linda Gornall, Claire Greenwood, Julia Reynolds, Marie Purvis and Sue Wright.

● **MERIDA:** Atle Pedersen, of Norway, clinched his first professional victory when he won the 120-mile eighth stage of the Tour of Spain in 59min 06sec yesterday (AP reports).

SWIMMING

Mellor boosts England with treble triumph

THE England Esso Youth squad gained a surprise victory over East Germany in the Three Nations tournament at the weekend (Craig Lord writes).

The three wins by Steven Mellor, from the Macclesfield club, Satellite, helped England to nine gold medals, 16 silvers, eight bronzes and 250 points. East Germany had 248 points, with Netherlands third on 222.

Mellor's successes came in the 400 metres and 1,500 metres freestyle and 200 metres backstroke.

The match result was a rare defeat for East Germany, who had the most successful youth team in the world throughout the 1980s. The tournament, held in Gera, East Germany, will be hosted by England next year.

ENGLISH WINNERS: Boys: 200m breastroke: A Cooper (Royton), 2min 27.69sec. **200m butterfly:** K Crosby (Warrington Warriors), 2:08.73. **400m freestyle:** S Mellor (Satellite), 4:06.00. **1,500m freestyle:** Mellor, 16:14.90. **200m backstroke:** Mellor, 2:11.04. **200m freestyle:** C Robinson (Killerwhales), 1:56.97. **4 x 200m freestyle relay:** England, 7.54.66. **Girls: 100m butterfly:** Z Harrison (Norwich), 1:04.62. **400m individual medley:** D Palmer (Killerwhales), 5:02.99.

Lever breaks retirement to help MCC

DAVID Gower and John Lever, former England colleagues, will join forces again next Monday in a makeshift MCC side to face the New Zealand touring team in a one-day game at Lord's. The selectors were restricted to three counties because of a clash with Britannic Assurance championship matches.

John Jameson, the assistant secretary (cricket) of MCC, explaining Lever's selection, said: "Middlesex asked us not to include any of their seamers because they are all struggling with injuries, so we were a bit short of alternatives."

Lever, who has retired from first-class cricket, will share the new ball with David Lawrence, of Gloucestershire.

TEAM: D I Gower (Hampshire, captain), V P Terry (Hampshire), C L Smith (Hampshire), P Bainbridge (Gloucestershire), M R Ramprakash (Middlesex), K R Brown (Middlesex), K D James (Hampshire), R J Parks (Hampshire), D V Lawrence (Gloucestershire), P C R Tufnell (Middlesex), J K Lever (Essex).

New Zealand skittled out by fiery Younus

From Qamar Ahmed, Sharjah

WAQAR Younus, the Pakistan fast bowler, humiliated New Zealand by bowling them out for only 74 runs yesterday, steering Pakistan to an eight-wicket victory and a place in the final of the Austral-Asia Cup. After dismissing New Zealand in 31.3 overs, Pakistan reached the target in only 15.4.

New Zealand's decision to bat backfired as only Andrew Jones, who made 47, got into double figures and none of the batsmen looked comfortable facing the venomous pace of Younus.

The player, aged 19, has a fluent run-up and bowls with a side-on action to generate unbelievable speed.

Younus was brought on to bowl with New Zealand at 41 for three and quickly had Rutherford caught at the wicket. But it was his second spell which proved disastrous for New Zealand, as he took four more wickets in six overs, conceding only 15 runs.

NEW ZEALAND

M D Crowe c Yousuf b Akram	5
*J G Wright b Aaqib	1
A H Jones c Imran b Mushtaq	47
M J Greatbatch c sub b Akram	4
K R Rutherford c Yousuf b Younus	0
S A Thomson b Younus	4
J G Bracewell c Aaqib b Mushtaq	4
†I D S Smith c Yousuf b Younus	0
M C Snedden lbw b Younus	1
D K Morrison lbw b Younus	0
J P Millmow not out	0
Extras (lb 4, w 3, nb 1)	8
Total (31.1 overs)	74

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-21, 3-37, 4-44, 5-56, 6-65, 7-70, 8-74, 9-74.

BOWLING: Akram 6-1-17-2; Aaqib 6-0-22-1; Younus 9-2-20-5; Imran 6-2-7-0; Mushtaq 4.1-2-4-2.

PAKISTAN

Saeed Anwar c Thomson b Millmow	3
†Saleem Yousuf c Crowe b Millmow	25
Salim Malik not out	31
*Imran Khan not out	13
Extras (lb 1, w 3, nb 1)	5
Total (2 wkts, 15.4 overs)	77

Javed Miandad, Ijaz Ahmed, Wasim Akram, Mushtaq Ahmed, Aaqib Javed, Waqar Younus and Sajad Akbar did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-19, 2-33.

BOWLING: Morrison 4-0-32-0; Millmow 5-0-22-2; Thomson 4-1-9-0; Jones 2-0-8-0; Crowe 0.4-0-5-0.

Umpires: A R Crafter and Ram Babu Gupta.

YESTERDAY'S OTHER SCOREBOARDS

Glamorgan v Gloucs

CARDIFF (Glamorgan won toss): Glamorgan (2pts) beat Gloucestershire by nine runs

GLAMORGAN

*A R Butcher c Russell b Curran	95
H Morris lbw b Curran	23
M P Maynard c Graveney b Alleyne	33
I V A Richards c Russell b Alleyne	28
G C Holmes c Russell b Walsh	9
I Smith c Russel b Alleyne	0
N G Cowley lbw b Alleyne	1
†C P Metson c Athey b Curran	14
S J Dennis not out	2
S R Barwick b Walsh	1
Extras (lb 10, w 1, nb 2)	13
Total (9 wkts, 55 overs)	219

M Frost did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-65, 2-115, 3-157, 4-172, 5-173, 6-181, 7-215, 8-215, 9-219.

BOWLING: Jarvis 10-1-32-0; Walsh 11-1-32-2; Curran 8-1-29-3; Graveney 11-1-55-0; Bainbridge 3-0-19-0; Alleyne 11-1-42-4.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

*A J Wright c Holmes b Barwick	10
A W Stovold b Frost	1
P Bainbridge b Dennis	55
C W J Athey b Holmes	20
K M Curran b Holmes	14
J W Lloyds lbw b Richards	6
M W Alleyne b Frost	30
†R C Russell not out	46
D A Graveney not out	12
C A Walsh lbw b Cowley	1
Extras (b 4, lb 9, w 1, nb 1)	15
Total (8 wkts, 55 overs)	210

K B S Jarvis did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-17, 3-65, 4-87, 5-104, 6-129, 7-159, 8-164.

BOWLING: Frost 8-4-14-2; Barwick 9-1-37-1; Dennis 10-2-38-1; Cowley 11-0-40-1; Holmes 8-0-27-2; Richards 9-0-41-1.

Gold Award: A R Butcher.

Umpires: P J Eele and R Julian

Leics v Notts

TRENT BRIDGE (Nottinghamshire won toss): Nottinghamshire (2pts) beat Leicestershire by four wickets

LEICESTERSHIRE

T J Boon c French b Cooper	4
*N E Briers c Randall b Pick	10
J J Whitaker c Johnson b Cooper	7
L Potter c French b Cooper	0
J D R Benson c Cooper b Pick	43
C C Lewis b Afford	23
†P Whitticase c Broad b Pick	45
M I Gidley not out	20
W K M Benjamin c Cooper b Stephenson	2
J P Agnew not out	7
Extras (b 2, lb 1, w 6)	9
Total (8 wkts, 55 overs)	164

L B Taylor did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-19, 3-23, 4-23, 5-79, 6-103, 7-157, 8-163.

BOWLING: Stephenson 11-1-39-1; Cooper 11-2-25-3; Pick 11-0-50-3; Hemmings 11-5-10-0; Afford 11-3-37-1

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

B C Broad run out	49
M Newell lbw b Agnew	13
P Johnson c Lewis b Potter	39
D W Randall c Whitaker b Taylor	6
F D Stephenson c Whitticase b Benjamin	10
†B N French not out	14
E E Hemmings b Benjamin	5
*R T Robinson not out	25
Extras (b 1, w 2, nb 4)	7
Total (6 wkts, 46 4 overs)	168

K E Cooper, R A Pick and J A Afford did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-46, 2-66, 3-83, 4-119, 5-126, 6-136.

BOWLING: Benjamin 9-3-29-2; Lewis 9-2-28-0; Agnew 6-0-34-1; Taylor 9.4-0-34-1; Gidley 5-0-18-0; Potter 9-1-26-1.

Gold Award: K E Cooper.

Umpires H D Bird and D R Shepherd.

Scotland v Essex

GLASGOW (Essex won toss): Essex (2pts) beat Scotland by 83 runs

ESSEX

*G A Gooch run out	3
B R Hardie c Henry b Parlett	34
P Pritchard run out	107
M E Waugh b Bee	52
D R Pringle not out	77
†M A Garnham run out	5
J P Stephenson not out	4
Extras (b 1, lb 7, w 5, nb 5)	18
Total (5 wkts, 55 overs)	309

T D Topley, N A Foster, J H Childs and A W Lilley did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-109, 3-185, 4-250, 5-304.

BOWLING: Moir 11-2-50-0; Cowan 11-0-80-0; Bee 10-0-67-1; Parlitt 11-1-41-1; Henry 10-1-54-0, Russell 2-0-9-0.

SCOTLAND

I L Philip c Garnham b Pringle	29
C G Greenidge b Childs	50
O Henry c Childs b Foster	24
B M W Patterson b Gooch	42
*R S Swan b Childs	11
A B Russell b Foster	4
A Bee lbw b Childs	0
D Cowan b Stephenson	7
†D J Haggo not out	18
J D Moir lbw b Stephenson	5
C L Parlitt not out	1
Extras (b 4, lb 13, w 11, nb 2)	30
Total (9 wkts, 55 overs)	226

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-93, 2-101, 3-131, 4-179, 5-188, 6-188, 7-195, 8-213, 9-223.

BOWLING: Foster 11-1-44-2; Pringle 8-3-28-1; Topley 11-0-35-0; Gooch 9-0-44-1; Childs 11-1-37-3; Stephenson 3-0-14-2; Lilley 2-0-7-0.

Gold Award: P Pritchard.

Umpires: A G T Whitehead and B Hassan.

Somerset v Derbys

TAUNTON (Somerset won toss): Somerset (2pts) beat Derbyshire by seven runs

SOMERSET

S J Cook st Bowler b Miller	66
J J E Hardy b Mortensen	109
G D Rose c Morris b Base	64
*C J Tavaré not out	47
R J Harden not out	3
Extras (lb 12, w 9)	21
Total (3 wkts, 55 overs)	310

P M Roebuck, A N Hayhurst, N D Burns, R P Lefebvre, I G Swallow, and J C Hallett did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-126, 2-234, 3-298.

BOWLING: Malcolm 11-1-54-0; Base 11-1-54-1, Mortensen 10-0-55-1; Miller 11-0-46-1; Kuiper 11-0-60-0; Barnett 1-0-9-0.

DERBYSHIRE

*K J Barnett c Hardy b Rose	0
†P D Bowler b Hayhurst	109
J E Morris c Harden b Hallett	123
A P Kuiper run out	22
C J Adams b Lefebvre	8
B Roberts c Hardy b Hayhurst	4
S C Goldsmith c Cook b Rose	4
S J Base not out	15
D E Malcolm not out	0
Extras (lb 13, w 4, nb 1)	18
Total (7 wkts, 55 overs)	303

O H Mortensen did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-123, 3-250, 4-270, 5-275, 6-285, 7-291.

BOWLING: Rose 11-0-58-2; Hallett 9-0-52-1; Lefebvre 11-1-55-1; Swallow 11-0-45-0, Roebuck 8-0-57-0, Hayhurst 5-0-23-2.

Gold Award: G D Rose

Umpires: B Leadbeater and R Palmer.

BOXING

Night for new champions at ABA finals

THE George Wimpey ABA finals at the Albert Hall tonight have a strangely unfamiliar look. The championships are being held away from Wembley for the first time since the end of the Second World War and not one reigning champion is defending. Even John Lyon, winner of eight ABA titles in the last nine years, will be missing.

Only the Welsh super-heavyweight, Kevin McCormack, a bricklayer, has previously won a title. He was successful two years ago.

The big attraction could be another bricklayer, Adrian Carew, aged 19, a welterweight from the Lynn club, who competed at the Seoul Olympics for his native Guyana but hopes to represent Britain at the Barcelona Games in 1992.

FOOTBALL

Sheffield United can help bring clarity to complex situation

By Ian Ross

THE second division promotion scramble, which one manager described at the weekend as being "as clear as mud," should be better defined tonight.

Sheffield United will claim one of the two automatic promotion places if they defeat Blackburn Rovers at Ewood Park. Victory for Blackburn would guarantee them a place in the play-offs for the third successive season.

If United return to the first division for the first time since 1976, it will leave Leeds United requiring victory over Bournemouth at Dean Court on Saturday to end an eight-year exile from the top flight.

Were they to lose, or draw, then Newcastle United would be promoted if they defeat Middlesbrough at Ayresome Park on Saturday, a result which would almost certainly condemn the Teesside club to the third division.

Oldham Athletic's season of many plaudits but no success will be sustained only by defeating Oxford United at Boundary Park tonight. The game marks the start of the latest hectic phase in Oldham's season, a punishing schedule which includes a home fixture against Wolverhampton Wanderers on Thursday and trips to Sunderland on Saturday and Bradford City on Monday.

Oldham must accrue maximum points if they are to force their way into the play-offs, a task which Joe Royle, the team manager, believes his weary players to be capable of accomplishing.

"We have already played 61 games this season, but we still have four more opportunities in which to realize our dream. We were all disappointed to lose in Sunday's Littlewoods Cup final, but I am confident that my players will rise once again," he said.

"If we win all four games we will comfortably achieve a place in the play-offs. If we win three of them we will still have a chance. Some of my players do need to recharge their batteries but I remain optimistic," he said.

Sunderland's place in the top six will be guaranteed if they defeat Port Vale at Vale Park this evening. Pascoe, the Welsh international forward, will miss Sunderland's final two League fixtures because of a knee injury, but he could be available for the play-offs.

Bennett, the club captain, is thought likely to miss tonight's game because of a recurring groin injury. Heathcote is the likely replacement.

Ipswich Town's increasingly slender hopes of making the play-offs will end should they fail to defeat Hull City at Boothferry Park tonight.

Liverpool will be presented with the Barclays League trophy before tonight's game against Derby County at Anfield, having clinched a record eighteenth championship by defeating Queen's Park Rangers at the weekend.

Kenny Dalglish, the Liverpool manager, has delayed naming his side until after Hansen, Beardsley, Houghton, Whelan and Burrows have had fitness tests.

Second division

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leeds Utd	45	16	6	1	46	18	7	7	8	32	34	82
Sheff Utd	44	14	5	4	43	27	9	7	5	38	29	81
Newcastle	45	17	4	2	51	26	5	10	7	28	25	80
Swindon	45	12	6	5	48	29	8	7	7	29	29	73
Blackburn	44	10	7	4	42	29	9	8	6	31	29	72
Sunderland	44	10	8	4	39	25	9	6	7	27	31	71
West Ham	44	12	5	4	43	21	6	7	10	30	35	66
Wolves	44	12	5	6	37	20	6	7	8	29	35	66
Ipswich	44	13	7	3	38	22	5	5	11	28	39	66
Oldham	42	14	5	1	45	21	3	6	12	16	31	62
Port Vale	44	11	9	2	36	18	4	6	12	25	37	60
Leicester	44	10	8	4	32	24	5	6	11	32	47	59
Portsmouth	45	8	8	6	38	30	6	8	9	22	31	58
Hull	44	6	8	8	23	28	7	8	7	38	31	55
Watford	45	10	6	6	38	27	3	9	11	17	32	54
Oxford	44	8	6	8	35	31	7	2	13	21	31	53
Brighton	45	10	6	7	28	27	5	2	16	27	44	53
Plymouth	45	9	8	6	38	23	4	5	13	27	40	52
WBA	45	6	8	8	34	34	6	7	10	32	34	51
Barnsley	44	7	9	7	22	23	5	6	10	25	46	51
Bournemouth	45	8	6	8	38	30	4	6	13	27	45	48
Middlesbro	44	9	3	9	29	27	3	8	12	18	34	47
Bradford	44	9	5	7	25	22	0	8	15	18	44	40
Stoke	45	4	10	8	19	23	2	8	13	15	39	36

Fatigue is the fear for Italy

ROME (Reuter) — The Italian national coach, Azeglio Vicini, announced his squad of 22 for the World Cup yesterday, but said he was worried that more than half his players would be worn out by three European club finals next month.

"I believe the only problem will be getting back my players in good condition. Above all, let's hope they don't return injured," Vicini said. The squad will gather at the Italian training camp of Coverciano, south of Florence, on Sunday night. But, the next day, 12 of them will leave to rejoin their clubs for the European Cup, UEFA Cup and Cup Winners' Cup finals.

Three AC Milan players, including their linchpin defender, Franco Baresi, will be unable to join the squad until May 24, the day after the European Cup final, against Benfica, of Portugal. Roberto Donadoni, who is also in the squad, is suspended for the final.

The full team will come together just over two weeks before Italy's first match, against Austria in Rome on June 9, which Vicini said would be the most important of their first-round games.

SQUAD: Goalkeepers: W Zenga (Inter Milan), S Tacconi (Juventus), G Pagliuca (Sampdoria). Defenders: F Baresi (AC Milan), G Bergomi (Inter Milan, capt), L de Agostini (Juventus), C Ferrara (Naples), R Ferri (Inter Milan), P Maldini (AC Milan), P Vierchowod (Sampdoria). Midfield players: C Ancelotti (AC Milan), N Berti (Inter Milan), F de Napoli (Naples), R Donadoni (AC Milan), G Giannini (Roma), G Marocchi (Juventus). Forwards: R Baggio (Fiorentina), A Carnevale (Naples), R Mancini (Sampdoria), S Schillaci (Juventus), A Serena (Inter Milan), G Vialli (Sampdoria).

● Queen's Park Rangers have moved to replace David Seaman, who is due to join Arsenal for £1.3 million at the end of the season, with Joop Hiele, the Netherlands' No. 2 goalkeeper, who plays for Feyenoord.

● Danny Blanchflower, captain of the Tottenham Hotspur side that performed the League and FA Cup double in 1961, returns to White Hart Lane tonight for a belated testimonial match arranged to mark his achievements with the club.

Fears over black market tickets

By John Goodbody

THE Football Supporters Association yesterday expressed its fear about a black market in tickets for England's World Cup matches which might lead to problems of segregation in the stadiums.

Craig Brewin, the chairman of the London branch of the FSA, urged the Football Association to buy any spare tickets, rather than risk them being sold on the black market and possibly being bought by hooligans.

There are 7,000 tickets available in England for the preliminary matches in Sardinia, 3,000 direct from the FA and the remaining through authorized travel companies. However, the FSA believes the fact that the price of package deals has been cut means that tickets are going slowly. All sales are being monitored against a list of known troublemakers.

However, a spokesman for the FA said that the demand for tickets had been so great that he expected all tickets to be sold. He added if they were not, then the FA would consider buying them so they did not go to supporters from rival countries and so ruin the segregation. The FA adopted this policy at the 1988 European championship in West Germany.

The FSA, which has already raised £8,000 of the £12,000 it needs to run an information centre in Cagliari, largely thanks to a £6,000 sponsorship from Corporate and Marketing Insurance Inc, of the United States, wants to demonstrate the majority of the English supporters are going to Italy "to enjoy the football and make friends with the Italians."

The FSA, which will have 300 of its 15,000 members in Italy, will be using its centre in Sardinia as the focal point for English supporters. It wants to hold football matches against local teams, organize quiz evenings, provide information and will also be in touch with the local police.

It has designed a T-shirt, embossed with the Italian flag for members to demonstrate their friendship.

John Tumman, an official of the FSA, said: "Many of the English supporters are boisterous and will shout a lot. But we hope to detach them from any organized hard core hooligans, who want to test their mettle against other people."

Aldershot face closure

COLCHESTER United could have a last-minute reprieve as members of the Football League. Last night, the survival of Aldershot, the ninetieth club in the League, hung in the balance as their chairman, Colin Hancock, asked a public meeting for £120,000 to avoid closure (Peter Ball writes).

The club is facing a winding-up order from its administrators, Radford Sons and company, a Southampton-based firm of insurance practioners. The money has to be paid by the end of this week, and yesterday no one at the club was optimistic.

Jon Pollard, the secretary, said. "I've got to be honest and say I could be out of a job at the end of this week."

● Wrexham have offered Chester a ground-sharing deal at the Racecourse Ground next season. Chester, who are also negotiating with Warrington, the rugby league club, have yet to reply to the offer.

● Yeovil Town are selling their Huish ground lock, stock and barrel. The site of the notorious sloping pitch has already gone to property developers, but the club is organizing an auction at the end of the season to sell the fixtures and fittings.

● The leaders of the GM Vauxhall Conference, Darlington, have offered their manager, Brian Little, a new three-year contract.

The Brabham grand prix dynasty

DES JENSON

Family business: David Brabham, in the Repco BT20, with his father, Sir Jack

Driver follows famous father

By John Blunsden

TWENTY years ago, Jack Brabham climbed out of one of his Formula One cars for the last time, ending a career as a grand prix driver and car constructor which had brought him three drivers' and two constructors' world championships and 14 individual grand prix victories.

Next week, he will be back again, watching the youngest of his three sons, David, aged 24, making his Formula One debut in a Brabham car at Imola, Italy.

The team is no longer "in the family", Sir Jack, as he subsequently became, having sold it in 1970. It has since passed through several hands and, in recent months, has been the subject of bitter ownership disputes which almost brought it to its knees.

However, it is now on the rails again, owned by the Middlebridge Group, and David is considered to have landed as good a seat as he could have hoped for as a newcomer.

On Sunday week, he should win his first race in Formula One — not the San Marino Grand Prix, but the contest to be the first of Sir Jack's sons to leave the start line in Formula One.

His eldest brother, Geoffrey, gave the Formula a miss: he is a well established and successful Indycar and IMSA car driver in the United States. Little brother Gary has just made a false start: he joined the new Life Formula One team for its debut in Phoenix last month, but, after failing to qualify either there or in Brazil, he parted company with the team, which he considered lacked both direction and a proper level of professionalism.

For Sir Jack, Sunday week should see the fulfilment of a long-held ambition. "Once my three sons decided they wanted to be racing drivers rather than farmers, my goal was to see at least one of them in Formula One," he said yesterday, when he and David were photographed at the Brabham headquarters in Chessington with the Brabham Repco BT20, which Sir Jack last drove in 1967.

"David has a lot of natural talent and I know he will be trying very hard, but it's a tough circuit and, if he qualifies at Imola, it will be an achievement in itself."

But, for last year's British Formula Three champion, the jump straight into Formula One rather than Formula 3000 is a large one, and David's main pre-occupation is putting on weight (he is 10½st) and strengthening his neck muscles.

So far, he has only driven last year's Brabham BT58, but he came to terms with it quickly at Silverstone. Early next week he will have three days with it at Imola, a circuit he has never seen, then the new BT59 will be wheeled out for him.

"Maybe, we can get Gary in the car one day," Sir Jack said. "Two Brabhams together, that would be something special." He also has another ambition: "I would just love to have five laps in this year's car and see what it's like," he said. Sir Jack may be deaf, but the skill to hang the tail out is still there.

Meanwhile, Imola will bring him memories of a different type. It was there that he made his debut as a Cooper works driver in 1956.

Having personally built-up three sports cars, he drove the transporter to Italy, prepared the cars, rebuilt a broken gearbox the night before the race, then went on to finish second behind Castellotti's Maserati. "David should have it a bit easier than that," he thought.

RIFLE SHOOTING

Cooper's stylish salvo

By our Shooting Correspondent

MALCOLM Cooper, who will be defending his British 300 metres free rifle championships on May 12 and 13 and his five world titles in August, made a good start with the French 300 metres grand prix at Versailles, winning a gold medal, a silver on countback and a bronze.

In the standard rifle event he had a clear six-point advantage over Gerald Maag, of Switzerland, but fell back to fourth place in free rifle, although he picked up the bronze for the standing section. His silver medal came in the prone event.

The British prone team of Cooper, Phil Scanlon and Mike Sullivan, all of whom are bidding for places in the world championships in Moscow, set a new British record.

RESULTS: 3 x 20 shots: 1, M Cooper (GB), 581; 2, G Maag (Switz), 575; 3, M Larsson (Swe), 571. 3 x 40 shots: 1, R Jansson (Swe), 1,165; 2, R Chassat (Fr), 1162; 3, Maag, 1,161; 4, Cooper, 1,160. 40 shots standing: 1, Chassat, 381; 2, S Goff (US), 379; 3, Cooper, 377. 60 shots, prone: 1, K Jaeggi (Switz), 596 (100/98); 2, Cooper, 596 (99/98); 3, B Carnes (US), 595. Other British: M Sullivan, 590; A Campbell, 583; P Scanlon, 582. Prone teams: 1, United States, 1,786; 2, Great Britain 1,784 (British record); 3, Sweden, 1781.

GYMNASTICS

Heathrow's reign ended

CAMBERLEY Gym Club built on their good work of recent years by winning the Butlins British women's team championship by 0.525 of a mark over Heathrow Gym Club at the Arun Leisure Centre.

After deposing Heathrow, who had held the title for the last four years, Bernie Wright, Camberley's coach said: "Now we are out to beat the Tameside club's record of five consecutive victories."

RESULTS: 1, Camberley, 176.125; 2, Heathrow, 175.600; 3, Woking, 174.475; 4, Hillingdon, 171.475; 5, Greenhead (Huddersfield), 170.525; 6, Birmingham, 168.225.

RUGBY UNION

Tough baptism for Back as England move to seal gaps

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

THE last hurrah of England's international season, in the Battaglini Stadium, Rovigo, today, contains a distinctly half-hearted note. Officially billed as a contest between an Italian XV and an England XV it is neither fish nor fowl, and even England's best intentions of drawing together as many of the players who served them so well in the five nations' championship have sunk in a sea of injuries and unavailability.

The Italians, surprised at the strength of the England XV originally named, spoke of playing a president's XV against them but, as English withdrawals have mounted, the home squad looks to be not so far away from a fully-representative national side.

Guido Rossi, the captain, who propped for the Rest of Europe XV which played at Twickenham last month, is missing, but there are some useful performers, including Marcello Cuttita, the World Cup wing, and Luigi Troiani, the full back.

Even when they departed for Italy on Sunday evening, amendments were still being made to England's party, in the light of the withdrawal of Peter Winterbottom, the Harlequins flanker, and the injury to David Pegler, of Wasps, who was among the replacements.

Neil Back, the Nottingham flanker, returned from the under-21 party's successful visit to The Netherlands only to find himself rerouted to Italy, where he has the company of Peter Tayler (Rosslyn Park), who will occupy Pegler's bench place.

It is rapid promotion for Back, whose ferocious appetite for the game and speed in support were evident once more in the 24-3 defeat of Netherlands in Hilversum. He may find life distinctly difficult today, though, since he must play in a back row including David Cusani who, for all his merits, has little worthwhile experience to speak of at No. 8.

None the less it will be useful to see how players such as Nigel Heslop and Bob Kimmins fare and, in particular, whether Chris Oti survives the game.

Oti, the Wasps wing, has been given this opportunity to resurrect his interest in playing international rugby, after nearly a year in which he has played only a couple of junior games in the last fortnight. His match fitness will be negligible, but of greater importance is to see if he can establish, in his own mind, that he wants to compete for his country again.

● Tony Underwood, the original choice on England's wing in Rovigo today, went into hospital yesterday for an operation on his damaged cartilage. The Leicester wing hopes to be fit enough to take his place on England's tour to Argentina in July.

ITALIAN XV (from): L Troiani (L'Aquila); M Caracci (Roma), M Cuttitta (Milano), E Venturi (Rovigo), S Barba (Roma), F Gaetaniello (Livorno), M Bonomi (Milano), D Tebaldi (Parma), S Bercazzi (Brescia), F Pietrosanti (L'Aquila), A Piazza (Benetton), M Grespan (Benetton), G Barattini (Rovigo), C Pratichetti (Roma), G Pivetta (San Dona), P Pedroni (Milano), M Gardin (Padua), R Favaro (Benetton), P Reale (Rovigo), C Covi (Benetton), M Giovanelli (Noceto).

ENGLAND XV: S Hodgkinson (Nottingham); N Heslop (Orrell), W Carling (Harlequins, capt), J Buckton (Saracens), C Oti (Wasps); R Andrew (Wasps), S Bates (Wasps); M Linnett (Moseley), B Moore (Nottingham), J Probyn (Wasps), J Wells (Leicester), R Kimmins (Orrell), W Dooley (Preston Grasshoppers), N Back (Nottingham), D Cusani (Orrell). Replacements: F Clough (Wasps), D Pears (Harlequins), D Morris (Liverpool St Helens), J Leonard (Saracens), J Olver (Harlequins), P Tayler (Rosslyn Park).

Wanderers deny cheating claim

By Owen Jenkins

THE row between Maesteg and Glamorgan Wanderers over qualification for next season's national leagues has heightened. Ralph Jones, the Maesteg chairman, has accused the Wanderers of "cheating their way into the premier division".

The Wanderers have called off two matches in the past week, against Swansea and against Pontypridd last night. To claim a place in the premier division, the Wanderers have to finish at least four places above Maesteg in the merit table. By not playing those two matches they remain five places ahead.

Wanderers are fifth in the table, with a 64.81 per cent record from 17 wins, nine defeats and one draw out of 27 matches. Maesteg have a 50 per cent record, with 15 wins and 15 defeats.

The Wanderers have stated that they have more than 30 players unavailable, either through injury or work commitments, and totally refute any charge of gamesmanship.

Geoffrey Wyatt, their chairman of selectors and rugby administrator, said: "There is no way we would have done credit to those fixtures with so many players out. I have the full list of unavailable players and this will be given to the Welsh Rugby Union. We have also had to call off a second-team fixture with Newport and a cup final for our third team. The situation is certainly not helping the club."

But Maesteg disagree. Jones said: "I don't believe them. There are other players from other clubs available. We brought in players from Carmarthen, Yeovil, and Exeter to fulfil our fixtures. We will now have a committee meeting to discuss the matter, but I think the merit table committee should do something about it.

"I think the Wanderers should either forfeit the games they didn't play or be dropped out of the premier division. I am disgusted with the whole affair. The Wanderers have not done the honourable thing and it is not in the spirit of the game."

● Steve Blackmore has become the fourth player to pull out of the Wales tour to Namibia. The Cardiff tight-head prop, unavailable due to work commitments, will be replaced by Jeremy Pugh, of Neath, bringing to 11 the total of players from his club making the trip.

Lee set to stand down

By Peter Bills

BATH are likely to omit their veteran tight-head prop forward, Richard Lee, from their Pilkington Cup final team to meet Gloucester at Twickenham on Saturday.

Lee, a member of Bath's winning side last year, is set to stand down, so that Victor Ubogu can play at loose-head. Gareth Chilcott will move across to take Lee's place at tight-head, assuming Ubogu recovers from the leg injury which kept him out of Saturday's league match against Leicester. There are a couple of other injury doubts, including Simon Halliday, who damaged a shoulder against Leicester.

The full back, Jonathan Callard, cemented his place last Saturday with a fine display, and thus Jonathan Webb has missed selection. In the back row, Kevin Withey looks certain to hold the blind-side flanker role made available to him since John Hall was suspended for the rest of the season.

● Bridgend have made one change from the side which beat Aberavon in the semi-final of the Schweppes Cup for the final at Cardiff Arms Park against Neath on Saturday. Nigel Spender moves up from the replacements' bench to take over from John Berrington in the second row.

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NDMA: Manchester Spartans 48, Fylde Falcons; Leeds Cougars 55, Nottingham Hoods 48; Gateshead Senators 17, Glasgow Lions 48; London Ravens 0, Thames Valley 34; Chelmsford Cherokee 54, Northants Storm 38; Bristol Packers 0, Brighton B52s 35; Bournemouth Bobcats 30, Manchester Allstars 6; Portsmouth Warriors 20, Leicester Panthers 39.

AUSTRALIAN RULES

AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE: Geelong 12.17 (89) bt Essendon 11.15 (81); Hawthorn 15.12 (102) bt North Melbourne 10.16 (76); Collingwood 12.20 (92) bt St Kilda 13.13 (91); Melbourne 18.11 (125) bt Brisbane 8.13 (61); West Coast 19.14 (128) bt Sydney 10.7 (67). Premiership points: Melbourne, 20; Hawthorne, West Coast, Collingwood, 16; Essendon, St Kilda, Geelong, 12; North Melbourne, Footscray, 8; Carlton, Brisbane, Sydney, Richmond, Fitzroy, 4.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Atlanta Braves 3, Philadelphia Phillies 1; Montreal Expos 6, Cincinnati Reds 3; Houston Astros 2, New York Mets 1 (10 inns); San Francisco Giants 9, St Louis Cardinals 7; Pittsburgh Pirates 10, San Diego Padres 1; Chicago Cubs 4, Los Angeles Dodgers 0.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East division	W	L	Pct	GB
Pittsburgh Pirates	14	6	.700	—
Montreal Expos	10	8	.556	3
Philadelphia Phillies	10	8	.556	3
New York Mets	9	9	.500	4
St Louis Cardinals	9	11	.450	5
Chicago Cubs	8	11	.421	5½
West division				
Cincinnati Reds	12	3	.800	—
Los Angeles Dodgers	11	9	.550	3½
San Diego Padres	9	10	.474	5
Houston Astros	8	10	.444	5½
San Francisco Giants	7	12	.368	7
Atlanta Braves	3	13	.188	9½

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Oakland Athletics 1, Boston Red Sox 0; California Angels 4, New York Yankees 3; Cleveland Indians 6, Minnesota Twins 4; Milwaukee Brewers 6, Detroit Tigers 1; Baltimore Orioles 5, Seattle Mariners 4; Chicago White Sox 10, Toronto Blue Jays 3; Kansas City Royals 5, Texas Rangers 2.

East division	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee Brewers	11	6	.647	—
Boston Red Sox	10	8	.556	1½
Toronto Blue Jays	11	9	.550	1½
Cleveland Indians	9	8	.529	2
New York Yankees	7	9	.438	3½
Detroit Tigers	8	11	.421	4
Baltimore Orioles	8	11	.421	4
West division				
Oakland Athletics	13	5	.722	—
Chicago White Sox	9	6	.600	2½
Texas Rangers	11	8	.579	2½
California Angels	8	10	.444	5
Seattle Mariners	8	11	.421	5½
Minnesota Twins	7	12	.368	6½
Kansas City Royals	6	12	.333	7

BASKETBALL

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: England 104, Iceland 88 (at Worthing).
NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Play-off final, second leg: Oldham 103 (Lewis 41, Treavant 29, Eadestorm 19), Brixton 79 (Bailey 20, Rogers 19, John 19) (agg: 200-197).
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Chicago Bulls 109, Milwaukee Bucks 102 (Bulls lead best-of-seven series, 2-0); Los Angeles Lakers 104, Houston Rockets 100 (Lakers lead 2-0); Philadelphia 76ers 107, Cleveland Cavaliers 101 (76ers lead 2-0); Phoenix Suns 105, Utah Jazz 87 (series level 1-1).

BOWLS

BRITISH SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE DISABLED: National short mat bowls championship: Wheelchair users with arm disabilities: 1, P Mace (Redditch); 2, H Senior (Morpeth). Wheelchair users without arm disabilities: 1, F Davison (Newcastle); 2, A Rock (Birmingham). Standing disabled: 1, R Love (Birmingham); 2, R Smith (Cannock). Partially sighted: 1, T Payne (Workington); 2, K Carl (Chingford). Learning difficulties: 1, S Billingham (Tooting); 2, J Johnson (Roehampton).

CYCLING

TOUR OF SPAIN: Sierra Nevada: Fifth stage (196km): 1, P Esnault (Fr), 5hr 38min 37sec; 2, M Farfan (Col), at 2min 04sec; 3, CM Jaramillo (Col), at 3:06; 4, T Rominger (Switz), at 3:18; 5, L Herrera (Col), at 3:25 behind; 6, I Gaston (Sp), 3:27. Ubrique: Sixth stage (195.2km): 1, J Worre (Den), 5hr 08min 49sec; 2, H Bolts (WG), at 1min 01sec; 3, F Quevedo (Sp), at 1:02; 4, J Weltz (Den), at 1:05; 5, M Giovannetti (It); 6, N Mora (Col), both same time. Overall positions: 1, J Gorospe (Sp), 24:16:35; 2, Giovannetti, at 25sec; 3, V Klimov (USSR), at 45; 4, JC Cadena (Col), at 56; 5, I Ivanov (USSR), at 1min 56sec; 6, J Unzaga (Sp), at 2:30.
TIME TRIALS: Circuit of Kinder (42 miles): 1, C Boardman (Manchester Wheelers), 1:34:52 (record). Hull and ER RC (four-up, 24 miles): 1, Leo RC (M St Leger, G Taylor, R Van Looy, A Stapleton), 52min 29sec. Team: Horwich CC, 1:09:40. Eastern Counties CA (30 miles): A Newark (Ely District CC), 1:09:58. Team: De Laune CC, 3:50:07. South Staffordshire CA: S Dangerfield (Wolverhampton), 53min 58sec. Team: Kronos, 2:59:38. Women: C Roberts (Team Kronos), 01:01:22. Dartford Wheelers (28 miles): 1, I Kitching (34th Nomads), 1hr 13min 2sec. Team: 34th Nomads, 3:39:48. 29th Wheelers CC (25 miles): 1, J Pritchard (Polytechnic CC), 54:48. Team: Polytechnic CC, 2hr 54min 35sec. Newark Castle (25 miles): 1, G Platts (Coalville Wheelers), 55:04. Team: Melton Olympic.
RIVA, Italy: European Grundig Series: First event: 1, M Kludg (WG), 1hr 53min 39sec; 2, T Gould (Peugeot GB), 1:54:06; 3, M Kloser (US), 1:54:21. Other British placing: 10, F Salmon, 2:00.51.

ETON FIVES

HARROW: Women's championship: Final: L Wootten and K Runnacles bt T Dunbar and K Vargas, 12-0, 12-3, 12-7.

FOOTBALL

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Queen's Park Rangers 3, Oxford 2.
CAPITAL FINANCE AND LEASING SOUTH-WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Bristol Rovers 1, Plymouth 1.
GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Correction: Attendance at Chorley v Northwich (April 24) was 707.
Late results on Sunday
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Midland division: Barry 4, Grantham 1. Southern division: Folkestone 1, Buckingham 2; Hastings 5, Bury Town 0; Hythe 1, Yate 0.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Bracombe 1, Backwell 1.

GOLF

NEW ORLEANS: New Orleans Classic tournament: Final scores (US unless stated): 276: D Frost (SA), 71, 70, 66, 69. 277: G Norman (Aus), 73, 68, 71, 65. 279: R Cochran, 72, 69, 71, 67. 283: B Tennyson, 69, 70, 69, 75. 284: J Daising, 73, 69, 73, 69. 285: T Simpson, 73, 69, 71, 72. 286: T Moore, 73, 71, 69, 73; M Smith, 73, 72, 69, 72; D Edwards, 71, 71, 72, 72; B Bryant, 70, 73, 73, 70; H Sutton, 74, 69, 74, 69. 287: C Byrum, 76, 66, 69, 76. 288: W Grady (Aus), 73, 74, 71, 70; F Funk, 69, 71, 72, 76; C Pavin, 72, 67, 70, 79; M O'Meara, 69, 69, 71, 79; T Schulz, 70, 72, 72, 74; E Aubrey, 70, 73, 73, 72; D Peoples, 72, 74, 71, 71. 289: L Janzen, 72, 72, 72, 73.
SONY WORLD RANKINGS: 1, G Norman (Aus), 18.58pts avge; 2, N Faldo (GB), 18.42; 3, S Ballesteros (Sp), 14.82; 4, C Strange (US), 14.17; 5, M Calcavecchia (US), 12.51; 6, I Woosnam (GB), 12.14; 7, P Stewart (US), 12.08; 8, P Azinger (US), 11.98; 9, J-M Olazabal (Sp), 11.24; 10, T Kite (US), 10.88.
EUROPEAN TOUR: Money-winners (GB and Ireland unless stated): 1, R Davis (Aus), £100,405; 2, M McNulty (Zim), £95,084; 3, B Langer (WG), £81,720; 4, E Romero (Arg), £78,725; 5, S Ballesteros (Sp), £75,497; 6, I Woosnam £75,435; 7, B Ogle (Aus), £63,009; 8, M Martin (Sp), £62,604; 9, E Darcy £59,441; 10, V Singh (Fiji), £58,831.
US PGA TOUR: Leading money-winners (US unless stated): 1, M Calcavecchia $574,724; 2, G Norman (Aus), $551,313; 3, P Azinger, $460,311; 4, F Couples, $464,508; 5, J Mudd, $383,936; 6, R Gamez, $367,314; 7, S Elkington (Aus), $356,670; 8, M O'Meara, $319,641; 9, P Jacobsen, $318,312; 10, P Stewart, $316,491. British positions: 15, N Faldo, $289,517; 101, I Woosnam, $52,795; 114, A Lyle, $44,497; 147, R Rafferty, $25,122; 236, H Clark, $2,160.

GYMNASTICS

BOGNOR REGIS: British women's team championships: 1, Camberley, 176.125pts; 2, Heathrow, 175.600; 3, Woking, 103.96. Individual: 1, K Day (Camberley).

ICE HOCKEY

BERNE: World championships: Medal play-offs: Sweden 5, Czechoslovakia 5. Relegation play-offs: United States 4, Norway 1.

MOTO-CROSS

PAYERNE: Swiss 500cc grand prix: First race: 1, J Lesk (Aus, Honda); 2, D Thorpe (GB, Kawasaki); 3, M Anstie (GB, Honda); 4, B Liles (US, Kawasaki); 5, E Geboers (Bel, Honda); 6, K Nicoll (GB, KTM). Second race: 1, Liles; 2, Nicoll; 3, Geboers; 4, L Persson (Swe, Honda); 5, Anstie; 6, J Martens (Bel, Kawasaki). Overall positions: 1, Liles, 33pts; 2, Nicoll, 27; 3, Lesk, 27. World championship positions (after 2 rnds): 1, Liles, 73; 2, D Geukens (Bel), 49; 3, Geboers, 48; 4, Nicoll, 36; equal 5, Thorpe and J Martens (Bel), 34.

MOTOR RACING

BRANDS HATCH: British Formula Three championship (52 miles): 1, M Hakkinen (Fin, Ralt RT34), 27min 46.5sec (112.33mph); 2, P Kox (Bel, Ralt RT33); 3, P Warwick (GB, Ralt RT34); 4, M Salo (Fin, Ralt RT34); 5, D Higgins (GB, Reynard 903); 6, C Fittipaldi (Bra, Ralt RT34).
DONINGTON PARK: British championships raceday: Honda Mobil CRX championship (30 miles): 1, D Loudoun (Honda CRX), 23min 41.7sec; 2, R Hall (Honda CRX); 3, C Boon (Honda CRX). Esso saloon car championship (37½ miles): 1, K Odor (Nissan Skyline), 28:41.66; 2, G Davis (Ford Sierra Cosworth); 3, S Monk (Ford Sapphire). Esso British touring car championship: Second round (1hr): 1, A Rouse and D Beers (ICS Ford Sierra Cosworth), 35 laps (1hr 00min 21.94); 2, R Gravett and S Blomqvist (Trakstar Sierra Cosworth), 35 laps (1:00:31.35); 3, L Bristow and T Mezera (Labatts Sierra Cosworth), 35 laps (1:00:57.37).
SILVERSTONE: BARC meeting: Renault 5 Elf Turbo UK Cup (22.51 miles): 1, J Edwards jun, 20min 15.70sec (68.66mph); 2, S Waudby; 3, M Mills. Formula Renault UK championship round (25.73 miles): 1, D Coyne (Swift FR90), 19:24.87 (79.51mph); 2, C Goodwin (Van Diemen FR90), 3, T Ergos (Swift FR90).
MONZA, Italy: World sports car championship: Second round: 1, J-L Schlesser (Fr) and M Baldi (It), Mercedes, 2hr 17min 11sec; 2, J Mass (WG) and K Wendlinger (Austria), Mercedes, 2:17:29; 3, M Brundle (GB) and A Ferte (Fr), Jaguar XJR-11, 2:17:38; 4, J Lammers (Neth) and A Wallace (GB), Jaguar, one lap behind.

MOTOR RALLYING

GB PROPERTIES STAGES (Shropshire): 1, P Davey (Ford Escort), 2079sec; 2, C Griffiths (Opel Manta), 2124; 3, N Mee (Ford Escort), 2124.
PEMBERTON TYRES STAGES (Lancashire): 1, D Speight (Vauxhall Chevette), 1439sec; 2, N Worswick (Ford Sierra Cosworth), 1456; 3, I Tiffany (Talbot Sunbeam), 1489.
TWEEDIES DAIHATSU FOREST STAGES (South-West Scotland): 1, Grierson (MG Metro-Ford), 40.01sec; 2, J Gray (Ford Sierra Cosworth), 40.36; 3, D Harper (Ford Sierra Cosworth), 40.40.

POWERBOATING

WEYMOUTH: British circuit racing championship: Class A (2-litre): 1, N Bersch (Cornwall), 400pts; 2, R and P Baker (Kent), 360; 3, J Locock (Devon), 324. Class B (1.8-litre): S Rickman (London), 400; 2, R McCarthy (Devon), 360; 3, S Hore (Cornwall), 324. Class C (1.3-litre): 1, G Appleyard (Devon), 400; 2, D Basham (Devon), 360; 3, M Bull (Kent), 324.

RUGBY UNION

BRITISH COLLEGES CUP: Final: South Glamorgan Institute 28, St Paul's and St Mary's, Cheltenham 12 (at Cinderford).
COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP: Corrected result: North: Second division: Lymm 23, Carlisle 6.

SPEEDWAY

BRADFORD: Coalite Classic: 1, J Pedersen (Cradley Heath), 14pts; 2, S Cross (Cradley Heath), 11 (after run-off); 3, M Cox (Bradford), 11; 4, J Doncaster (Reading), 11; 5, C Morton (Belle Vue), 11.
NATIONAL LEAGUE: Eastbourne 49, Long Eaton 47; Rye House 47, Wimbledon 49; Edinburgh 31, Ipswich 64.
TOUR MATCH: Newcastle 45, Soviet Union 51.

SQUASH RACKETS

DURHAM: John Smith's Open championship: Semi-finals: S Taylor bt J Evans, 2-9, 9-5, 9-2, 9-4; G Wilson bt S Calvert, 9-2, 9-4, 9-3. Final: Taylor bt Wilson, 9 5, 9-2, 9-1.
HUDDERSFIELD: Rocar Moores Open championship: Finals: Men: J Hanson bt N Cass, 5-9, 9-6, 9-6, 9-4. Women: S O'Brien bt A Wray, 9-7, 9-7, 9-1.
ISPA WORLD RANKINGS: Men: 1, Jansher Khan (Pak), 872.846pts avge; 2, Jahangir Khan (Pak), 765.600; 3, C Robertson (Aus), 476.100; 4, C Dittmar (Aus), 498.250; 5, R Martin (Aus), 453.358; 6, R Eyles (Aus), 249.125; 7, B Martin (Aus), 241.848; 8, Mir Zaman Gul (Pak), 227.180; 9, Umar Hayat Khan (Pak), 219.573; 10, T Nancarrow (Aus), 206.209. Women: 1, S Devoy (NZ), 912.727; 2, L Opie (Eng), 685.200; 3, D Drady (Aus), 612.700; 4, R Lambourne (Aus), 461.000; 5, E Irving (Aus), 390.167; 6, M Le Moignan (Eng), 384.500; 7, M Martin (Aus), 358.917; 8, S Fitzgerald (Aus), 355.500; 9, S Horner (Eng), 353.700; 10, F Geaves (Eng), 314.273.

TENNIS

MADRID: Grand prix tournament: First round: J Baguena (Sp) bt J Rascon (Sp), 6-2, 6-4; C Costa (Sp) bt L Jonsson (Swe), 6-1, 6-4; A Mancini (Arg) bt L Mattar (Br), 6-4, 2-6, 6-3; C Motta (Br) bt J Aitur (Sp), 7-6, 6-3; F Davin (Arg) bt F Roig (Sp), 7-6, 4-6, 7-5; D Perez (Uru) bt E Bengoechea (Arg), 6-3, 7-5.

POOLS FORECAST

Saturday May 5 unless stated

FIRST DIVISION
X C Palace v Man City
2 Derby v Luton
1 Man Utd v Charlton
1 Millwall v Chelsea
1 QPR v Wimbledon
1 Sheff W v Norm F
X Tottenham v Southmptn

Not on coupons: Coventry v Liverpool; Everton v Aston Villa; Norwich v Arsenal

SECOND DIVISION
1 Blackburn v Brighton
X Bourn'mth v Leeds
2 Bradford C v Plymouth
2 Leicester v Sheff Utd
1 Middlesbro v Newcastle
2 Oxford v Port Vale
1 Portsmth v Barnsley
X Stoke v Swindon
1 Sunderland v Oldham
2 Watford v Hull
X West Brom v Ipswich
1 West Ham v Wolves

THIRD DIVISION
1 Birmingham v Reading
2 Blackpool v Bristol R
1 Bristol C v Walsall
X Bury v Cardiff
1 Crewe v Wigan
X Fulham v Leyton O
1 Hudd'field v Chester
1 Notts Co v Mansfield
1 Rotherham v North'pton
2 Shrewsbury v Preston
1 Swansea v Bolton
1 Tranmere v Brentford

FOURTH DIVISION
2 Aldershot v Cambridge
2 Chest'field v Grimsby
1 Colchester v Burnley
2 Halifax v Stockport
1 Lincoln v Exeter
1 Maidstone v Carlisle
X Peterboro v Southend
X Rochdale v Hereford
1 Scarboro v Gillingham
1 Scunthorpe v Doncaster
1 Torquay v York
X Wrexham v Hartlepool

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1 Mossley v B Auckland

2 Rhyl v Southport
X S Liverpool v Gateshead
1 Witton v Gainsboro

SCOTTISH PREMIER
1 Dundee v Motherwell
1 Dunfermline v Hibs
1 Hearts v Rangers
X St Mirren v Dundee U

SCOTTISH FIRST
1 Airdrie v Hamilton
2 Albion v Clydebank
X Alloa v Ayr
X Meadowbank v Falkirk
2 Morton v Clyde
1 Partick v Raith
1 St Johnstone v Forfar

SCOTTISH SECOND
Not on coupons: Berwick v Arbroath; Brechin v East Stirling; Kilmarnock v Cowdenbeath; Montrose v Queen of the South; Queen's Park v Dumbarton; Stirling v East Fife; Stranraer v Stenhousemuir

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Crystal Palace, Tottenham, Stoke, West Bromwich Albion, Fulham, Peterborough, Rochdale, Wrexham, South Liverpool, St Mirren, Alloa, Meadowbank, Sunderland, Birmingham, Bristol City, Huddersfield, Notts County, Colchester, Scarborough, Witton, Airdrie, St Johnstone.

BEST DRAWS: Crystal Palace, West Bromwich Albion, Fulham, Rochdale, Meadowbank.

AWAYS: Plymouth, Bristol Rovers, Cambridge, Stockport, Southport.

HOMES: Manchester United, Blackburn.

FIXED ODDS: Homes: Manchester United, Sunderland, Bristol City, Notts County, St Johnstone. Aways: Cambridge, Stockport, Southport. Draws: West Bromwich Albion, Fulham, Rochdale.

● Vince Wright

SPORT IN BRIEF

Wales go for change

WALES have dropped three of the side who played in the home international championship earlier this year for the European team squash championships in Zurich.

They are Andrew Danzey, of Nottingham, who gained Wales's only win against England, Darran Mabbs, of Bristol, and Gareth Davies, the Cardiff No. 1.

Staines again

Denver (AP) — Gary Staines, from London, overcame leg cramps and 4C temperatures to win the Cherry Creek Sneak five-mile athletics road race. Jill Hunter, of Britain, won the women's race.

Coach switch

Emma Murdoch, who deposed Joanne Conway as British figure skating champion last November, has left her trainer, Carol Bartlam. Murdoch, aged 18, is expected to join the coach, Jan Prasniewski, at Bracknell.

Job moves

Colin Moynihan, Minister for Sport, yesterday announced the appointment of Jeoff Thompson to the Sports Council and the re-appointment of Professor Allan Patmore as the vice-chairman.

Elliott denied

Seville (Reuter) — Benny Van Brabant, of Belgium, won the 190km seventh stage of the Tour of Spain cycle race in a mass sprint finish yesterday. He beat Malcom Elliott, of Great Britian, by less than the width of a tyre. Julian Gorospe, of Spain, kept the overall lead.

Diary date

Martina Navratilova has confirmed she will play in the Pilkington Glass tennis tournament at Eastbourne in June.

EVENING RACING

Windsor

Going: good to firm

5.15 (1m 2f 22yd) 1, Ready Wit (R Perham, 16-1); 2, Snake Eye (16-1); 3, Young Fact (12-1). Kremlin Guard 7-2 fav. 19 ran. NR: Sallys Won. ¾l, 1½l. M Muggeridge. Tote: £30.90; £6.40, £21.60, £5.20. DF: £7.80 1st or 2nd with any other. CSF: £271.51.

5.45 (1m 2f 22yd) 1, Stride Home (T Quinn, 6-1); 2, Middle Half (16-1); 3, Lunch Box (4-1). Versailles Road 15-8 fav. 20 ran. NR: Sleepline Royale. Sh hd, 2l. M Madgwick. Tote: £6.30; £2.40, £7.20, £1.50. DF; £321.10. CSF: £102.78.

6.10 (5f) 1, Running Glimpse (W Newnes, 11-2); 2, Sarcita (11-2); 3, Arturian (7-1). La Masaas 5-4 fav. 12 ran. 2l, 4l. Miss B Sanders. Tote: £8.30; £2.20, £1.80, £3.40. DF: £8.90. CSF: £40.18.

6.35 (1m 3f) 1, Master Line (A Lejeune, 12-1); 2, Tiger Claw (2-1 fav); 3, Albert's Way Out (14-1); 4, Ta Warie (33-1). 19 ran. 2l, 1½l. H Candy. Tote: £15.60; £2.60, £1.20, £2.70, £5.60. DF: £14.10. CSF: £40.48. Tricast: £363.61.

Hexham

Going: firm

6.0 (3m ch) 1, Ambergate (C Grant, 11-10 fav); 2, Solicitor's Choice (13-2); 3, Border Oak (3-1). 7 ran. 1l, 10l. W A Stephenson. Tote: £2.10; £1.50, £2.00. DF: £6.20. CSF: £7.88.

6.30 (2m hdle) 1, Great Law (C Grant, 1-3 fav); 2, Mighty Supremo (33-1); 3, Cheap Metal (50-1). 7 ran. 1½l, nk. W A Stephenson. Tote: £1.40; £1.40, £6.10. DF: £24.40. CSF: £12.18.

7.0 (2m hdle) 1, Cheeky King (S Woods, 3-1 jt-fav); 2, Tarlogie (20-1); 3, Co-Tack (13-2). The Brichin 3-1 jt-fav. 10 ran. NR: Waldron Hill. 2l, 6l. H Whiting. Tote: £3.80; £1.90, £3.20, £2.30. DF: £125.10. CSF: £52.58. Tricast: £396.63.

● Frankie Dettori, stable jockey to Luca Cumani, was fined £150 by the stewards for leaving the course before the weighed in announcement for the Tote Dual Forecast Handicap at Pontefract yesterday.

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Macari arrested in dawn tax raid

By John Goodbody

In the latest episode in the tangled controversy at Swindon Town, Lou Macari, the former manager, and three other people connected with the second division club were yesterday arrested in a dawn raid for suspected Inland Revenue offences.

Macari, Brian Hillier, the former chairman, Colin Calderwood, the club captain, and Vincent Farrer, the former accountant of the club, were all being interviewed last night by officers of the Inland Revenue, who also visited the club during the afternoon.

It is understood that the Inland Revenue has been investigating a number of football clubs across the country over the past few months and it is possible that further arrests, not connected with the inquiry at Swindon, may take place.

A spokeswoman for the Inland Revenue said: "We cannot talk about the amounts of money involved, although obviously they are substantial. We are bound by strict rules of confidentiality which prevent us from talking about individual tax affairs.

"The four arrests were made after prolonged tax investigations. Clearly before the arrests were carried out, a lot of groundwork was done and this has culminated in the joint operation between the police and the Inland Revenue.

"The operation was organized by an Inland Revenue Special Investigations Unit based at Bristol and it is a major inquiry."

Macari, who was also manager of West Ham United until he resigned in February, was arrested in Manchester, Calderwood at St Austell, Cornwall, where Swindon had been playing an exhibition match, Hillier at his home in Calne, Wiltshire, and Farrer at his home at Blunsdon, near Swindon.

These are unfortunate times for Swindon Town, which is attempting to qualify from the play-offs in the second division to reach the first division for the first time in its 109-year history. The arrests have come just three days before a special commission of the Football League meets at Villa Park to hold an inquiry into allegations of unauthorized payments to players connected with the club.

In February, the Football Association penalized Macari, the former Celtic, Manchester United and Scotland player, for being involved with Hillier over a bet on one of Swindon's FA Cup ties two years ago.

At the hearing, Macari was ordered to pay a £1,000 penalty and Hillier was banned from any association with the game for six months. Both men appealed, unsuccessfully, last month.

West Ham accepted that Macari's involvement was "minimal" and stood by him. However, he resigned in February to pursue his campaign to clear his name. Swindon Town FC withdrew its appeal against the £7,500 fine imposed on the club because of the cost.

Hillier has insisted throughout the affair that the £6,500 wager to win £4,000, at odds of 13-8 on, was made as insurance against Swindon losing a fourth round FA Cup-tie at Newcastle in January 1988.

Swindon lost 5-0, although there has never been any suggestion that the result was engineered.

During the FA investigations, allegations were made that Swindon had made unauthorized payments to players and the club has been charged with breaching Football League regulations.

The club is now due to face a League commission on Friday at Villa Park, but that hearing could be postponed following the developments yesterday.

If the club is found guilty by the League, it could have points deducted or be relegated from the second division.

Officers from Inland Revenue arrive to carry out inquiries yesterday at Swindon Town's ground, in an operation organized by the Special Investigations Unit at Bristol

England coast as Back shines

From David Hands
Rugby Correspondent
Rovigo

Italian XV 15
England XV 33

THE inevitable end-of-term feeling that had long lingered over this fixture in the Battaglini Stadium was partially relieved yesterday by individual performances from some of those players with most to gain.

Despite England's lineout being almost totally erased, the backs managed to create the opportunities for victory, though not without considerable difficulty, by four goals, two penalty goals and a dropped goal to a goal and three penalties.

Those three-quarters had Back and Wells to thank for sustaining momentum in considerable heat and before an enthusiastic Italian crowd.

Back, the young Nottingham flanker who on Sunday was playing for the Under-21 XV against Netherlands, seems to blossom in sunny climes. Last season he sweated his way to three tries in the under-21 international with Romania, played in the heat of Bucharest, and yesterday he collected a try in the most senior game he has yet played in his burgeoning career.

Having picked Oti to tour Argentina in July, the England management were eager to see him rediscover his appetite after a year away. The Wasps wing's first run, understandably uncertain, made 25 metres and earned a penalty; his second brought him England's first try.

Hodgkinson retrieved a long pass from the ground and flipped the ball inside to Oti, whose strength rather than speed carried him to the line. "It was great to see him back on the field," Roger Uttley, the England coach, said.

Overall, though, it was not the most glorious of afternoons and Italy's try, by Cuttita, was the one to linger in the memory. There seemed a danger of England relaxing upon their 21-9 half-time lead, their appetite jaded.

Cuttita's try, the result of two long passes and startling acceleration as the wing cut back infield, changed all that and it was as well that England's midfield — though not given as much freedom as they had enjoyed before the interval — possessed the ability to make the half-break, which invariably created space elsewhere.

Troiani who, like Hodgkinson, did not miss a kick at goal, opened the scoring with the first of his three penalties. Oti's try preceded one by Buckton, ghosting his way through the defence, while Oti's tackle on Troiani produced the ball which Back touched down.

The game drifted away on a sea of replacements as the sun sank over the Po, among them Carling, the England captain, who came off severely shaken. But Andrew, taking over the leadership, wriggled over for a try and dropped a goal, as well as attending to defensive chores which ensured no further inroads were made into England's advantage.

SCORERS: Italian XV: Try: Cuttita. Conversion: Troiani. Penalty goals: Troiani (3). England XV: Tries: Oti, Buckton, Back, Andrew. Conversions: Hodgkinson (4). Penalty goals: Hodgkinson (2). Dropped goal: Andrew.

ITALIAN XV: L Troiani (L'Aquila); E Venturi (Rovigo), J Morelli (L'Aquila), S Barba (Roma), M Cuttita (Milano); M Bonomi (Milano); rep: D Tebaldi, Noceto). F Pietrosanti (L'Aquila; rep. I Francescato, Treviso); G Grespan (Benetton), C Pratichetti (Roma), A Piazza (Benetton), R Saetti (Padua), R Favaro (Treviso), P Pedroni (Milano), C Cova (Padua, capt), P Reale (Rovigo).

ENGLAND XV: S Hodgkinson (Nottingham); N Heslop (Orrell), W Carling (Harlequins, capt; rep: F Clough, Wasps), J Buckton (Saracens), C Oti (Wasps), R Andrew (Wasps), S Bates (Wasps); M Linnett (Moseley), B Moore (Nottingham; rep: J Olver, Harlequins), J Probyn (Wasps); J Wells (Leicester), R Kimmins (Orrell), W Dooley (Preston Grasshoppers), N Back (Nottingham), D Cusani (Orrell).

Referee: P Frantsch (France).

UEFA Cup odds are stacked in favour of Juventus

JUVENTUS were the underdogs when they beat AC Milan in the Italian Cup final last month. Tonight, as they embark on what they hope will be the second stage of a cup double, they bear the mantle of favourites.

The odds, it would seem, are already stacked in their favour before Fiorentina, their opponents and another club from the all-powerful Italian League, step out into the Stadio Communale for the first leg of the two-stage final.

Fiorentina have been struggling against relegation all season from the elite Serie A of the Italian League. Although they finished the League season with a 4-1 victory over Atalanta, they lost 3-1 when they travelled to Turin earlier in the campaign, and merely held Juventus to a 2-2 draw at home in Florence.

An extra handicap for Fiorentina is the loss of home advantage in the second leg of the final. Following crowd disturbances during their semi-final against the West Germans, Werder Bremen, they have been ordered to play the return leg at a neutral venue.

Juventus's fortunes may have declined since the halcyon days of Michel Platini and Paulo Rossi, but they remain one of the strongest teams in Italy.

Led by Aleksandr Zavarov, of the Soviet Union, and Rui Barros, of Portugal, they also have a clutch of Italian internationals to call on, including Salvatore Schillaci, who scored his 21st goal of the season against Lecce on Sunday in a 3-2 victory, and has forced his way into the national squad for the World Cup finals in June.

Fiorentina's brightest light is Roberto Baggio, Italy's equivalent of Paul Gascoigne, a hugely talented but enigmatic midfield player-cum-forward. Perhaps not surprisingly, he is being linked with Juventus next season.

If past form in the competition this season can be taken as a guide, it would seem Juventus are set to lay siege on their visitors' penalty area. The Turin club scored 17 goals and conceded seven in their run to the final, losing only one match, a 2-1 home defeat to SV Hamburg.

Fiorentina, in contrast, never scored more than one goal in any of their eight games, although they too lost only once, going down 1-0 away at Atlético Madrid in the first round. They squeezed through the tie on penalties after finishing level on aggregate, courtesy of a 1-0 victory in the return.

Juventus are playing their first European final since the 1985 Heysel disaster, when 39 supporters were crushed to death after rioting at the European Cup final, against Liverpool, in Brussels. Fiorentina are in their first European final since losing the 1962 Cup Winners' Cup final.

The presence of both clubs in the UEFA Cup final is indicative of the Italian League's growing dominance in Europe. Indeed, the country boasts at least one of its clubs in the finals of all three European Cup competitions this season. AC Milan play the Portugese champions, Benfica, in the European Cup in Vienna on May 23, and Sampdoria, of Genoa, face Anderlecht, of Belgium, in the Cup Winners' Cup in Gothenburg on May 9.

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Only Smith responds as 'inept' Hampshire succumb to Surrey

By Alan Lee
Cricket Correspondent

THE OVAL (Hampshire won toss): Surrey beat Hampshire by 87 runs

ONE-day cricket habitually yields bizarre extremes, but Hampshire, unsteadily launched on a season of heady expectation, will be mortified if they descend even once more to the depths they explored yesterday.

Surrey's bloodless victory contained a record Benson and Hedges Cup score for any match involving two first class counties. There was also a century for Darren Bicknell and, later, some delightful left-arm spin from Keith Medlycott. The indelible feature, however, was the utter awfulness of Hampshire's cricket until Robin Smith decorated a blissful evening with a century of such force that Surrey briefly quaked.

Hampshire's private ambitions are boundless this season but, after losing their first two zonal games, they must surely forget this competition. For their future peace of mind, they must also forget this particular performance. Their acting captain Paul Terry, his face perplexed, called it "inept". He was not doing it complete justice.

Hampshire have been savagely dealt with by the fitness fates and started their championship programme with less than half their preferred side. Even yesterday, Nicholas, Ayling, and Bakker were absent, but this failed to excuse what followed.

On what looked, and played, like the pitch of a batsman's dreams, Terry decided that chasing runs was the best policy. This theory demanded bowling of rigid discipline with the fielding to support it. What it received was the bowling of eccentric millionaires and slapstick fielding to mock it.

Surrey's total was four more than the previous record, which had stood for 18 years, but, in truth, a decent club side might have made a few. Even Marshall, on whose stature Hampshire were bound to lean, erred unacceptably with nine no balls and a wide. Shine emerged with four wickets but the rest might prefer to remain nameless.

Bicknell's innings was calm and measured. There were no chances and hardly a false stroke as he put on 144 with Stewart and 88 with the 1990s prodigy, Thorpe, whose effortless six over midwicket was the shot of the innings. By then, however, the bowling was submissive and the fielding so infectiously bad that Gower dropped a sitter

Surrey added 110 in the final 10 overs and, if Hampshire were to approach the asking rate of six an over, Gower had a major role to play. Instead, he played the classic cameo. His only scoring shot was a six, before he pushed Martin Bicknell a simple return catch.

By just after tea, Hampshire were 101 for five. Defeat was just a matter of time, or so it seemed to all except Smith. He had been missed, by one Bicknell or the other, when six and now he made Surrey perspire with a display of awesome hitting. His 132 came from 118 balls, with four sixes and 14 fours, but he was always obliged to do too much himself and with his demise to a mistimed drive, the mirage faded.

● WELLINGTON: The New Zealand Cricket Council (NZCC) has dropped its 29-year-old sponsorship agreement with the cigarette company, Rothmans (AFP reports). However, Barry Paterson, the NZCC chairman, denied the change was due to the plan of the Health Minister, Helen Clark, to introduce legislation outlawing tobacco sponsorship.

SURREY

G S Clinton c Terry b James	9
D J Bicknell c Gower b Shine	119
A J Stewart c Parks b Shine	76
M A Lynch c Terry b Shine	8
G P Thorpe not out	50
†D M Ward c Parks b Shine	38
*I A Greig not out	9
Extras (lb 8, w 6, nb 8)	22
Total (5 wkts, 55 overs)	331

K T Medlycott, M A Feltham, M P Bicknell and A J Murphy did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-164, 3-174, 4-262, 5-322.

BOWLING: Marshall 11-1-52-0; Shine 10-0-68-4; James 5-0-36-1; Connor 11-0-71-0; Maru 7-0-40-0; Scott 11-0-56-0.

HAMPSHIRE

*V P Terry st Ward b Medlycott	24
D I Gower c and b M P Bicknell	6
R A Smith c Greig b Murphy	132
C L Smith c Ward b Greig	3
K D James b Medlycott	2
R J Scott run out	7
M D Marshall c Ward b M P Bicknell	31
†R J Parks not out	20
R J Maru c and b Greig	9
C A Connor c Ward b Murphy	3
K J Shine run out	0
Extras (lb 5, w 2)	7
Total (46.2 overs)	244

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-58, 3-75, 4-82, 5-101, 6-181, 7-222, 8-233, 9-239.

BOWLING: M P Bicknell 8-1-48-2; Murphy 9-3-36-2, Feltham 3-0-24-0, Medlycott 11-0-44-2, Greig 6 2-0-35-2, Lynch 9-0-52-0.

Gold Award: D J Bicknell

Umpires: N T Plews and D S Thompsett.

Stewart urges ICC action on over-rate

MICKY Stewart, the England team manager, believes the time is right for the International Cricket Council (ICC) to set a minimum number of overs to be bowled in a day in each Test-playing country and to give teeth to its edict by imposing fines if the targets are not met.

Speaking at a lunch given by Cornhill Assurance, England's sponsors, at Old Trafford, Stewart said: "You cannot have the same minimum number for each country because that is clearly unfair, as we have seen in the West Indies, where we struggled to bowl 15 overs an hour when we were rushing to see if it could be done.

"But there has to be some kind of minimum and I do not believe that some of the fanciful methods of adding and deducting runs is the right way to go about it. That would mean tampering with the game too much and I would have thought the best method was to fine the offenders fairly stiffly."

With Graham Gooch, the captain, and Allan Lamb, his deputy, already appointed for the two Texaco Trophy games and the three-match Test series against New Zealand, Stewart said that the other members of the party on the Caribbean tour would also be given priority subject to form.

"Those that went really did appreciate the hard work that was put in and realized that it brought some reward. I am very pleased at the reception we have had since we came home but the fact remains that it was still a defeat. Having said that I do believe we are going the right way about putting England back on the right lines. But we must maintain the momentum and continue to prepare as carefully for every Test series."

Stewart pointed out that England will have to leave for Australia in the autumn only some four weeks after the end of the present season. "That is not really long enough to do all we would like but we are stuck with the fact that the schedules have been drawn up, and we will have to stick to them."

Cornhill has extended its support for England's home Tests for a further two years, taking its total commitment to 15 years.

MCC throws open doors of Lord's to voyeurs

JOHN WOODCOCK on the launch yesterday of the grand guided tour of Lord's

ONE hundred seventy-six years after the opening of the ground, MCC has launched a programme of guided tours of Lord's, sponsored by Gestetner. By booking in advance, it will be possible to view the treasures that are there: to respond to the atmosphere; to walk through the Long Room, as all the great players have from W. G. to the present day; to discover the ancient and inscrutable game of real tennis; and to see much else. Gentlemen, however, will be required to dress appropriately, which means wearing a shirt in the pavilion and other "indoor areas".

No other game has acquired such a wealth of tradition and artefacts as cricket, or been more praised and glorified in print. For more than 200 years, MCC has been its untiring guardian, and it is to widen public interest in the game, as well as to tap a valuable source of income, that Sir Denys Roberts, president of the club, threw open the doors, as it were, at a lunch in the Long Room yesterday.

Tours will be available on most days of the year (barring Test matches and cup finals, or when the ground is being prepared for such special occasions) and will start at the Grace Gates. Some guides have been recruited from Wembley Stadium (where they do a similar sort of job in the football season), some from drama schools and some from within the membership of MCC.

First off, at 10 o'clock this morning, are 90 pupils (girls as well as boys) from Clark's School in Bristol. If he remembers, and his old back has one of its better days, Denis Compton, himself one of the legends of the place, will be there to meet them.

The pavilion, the third to be built on the same site, was handed over to the club 100 years ago yesterday. The first, dating from 1814, was destroyed by fire on the night of July 28, 1825, a few hours after Winchester and Harrow had drawn stumps. The second, built the following winter, was finished in time for the anniversary dinner on May 11, 1826.

The foundation stone of today's pavilion was laid on September 17, 1889, by Sir Spencer Ponsonby-Fane, the club, with more than 5,000 members, having outgrown the second. The silver pestle and mortar used by Sir Spencer were on display yesterday. This great "cathedral of cricket", as Sir Robert Menzies called it, now a listed building, was used less than eight months later for the club's annual general meeting. Its cost, including furniture and extras, was £21,000.

Structurally, it remains virtually the same as when it was open. What has changed, to judge from the time being taken to complete the Compton and Edrich stands, is the degree of commitment within the building trade. The days of the horse-drawn vehicle were a lot more efficient and dependable, it seems, than those of the sub-contractor. As the president suggested yesterday, such feats of industry as went into building the pavilion a century ago in so short a time might very well not be tolerated today.

● *Bookings should be made through the Gestetner Tour of Lord's office on 071-266 3825 or 071-289 1611.*